

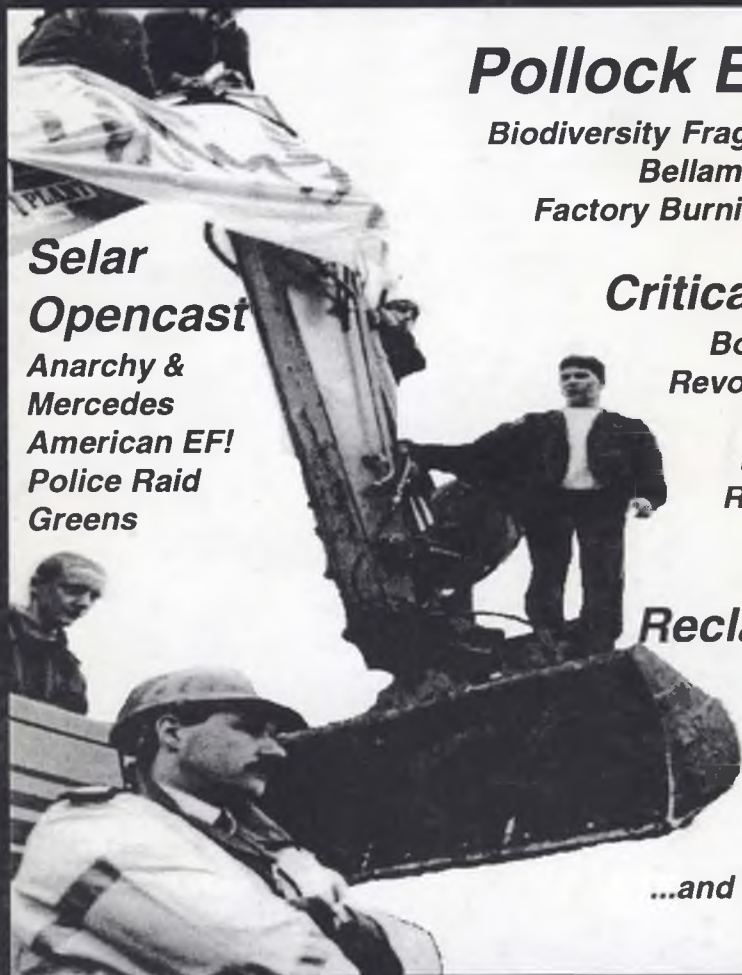


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Many campaigners complain about the media, the media puts a view of our actions that fit into their agenda. It fits us and our actions into their categories, and their stereotypes. If we complain about the press lies and misrepresentations we have to do something about it, part of that is the creation of our own media.

We aim to publish three times a year but this can only be done with your help. DoD is one of the few voices EF! has and it can only operate with your input. Deadlines really are deadlines. If you don't reach us by the deadline- it won't go in. DoD has not come out for about a year and this is mainly due to people not respecting deadlines. We received a report from India two days after requesting it, while some articles from U.K. campaigns didn't arrive until 8 months after the deadline.

The opinions expressed in articles are not automatically the views of the editorial collective, the Earth First! movement, Earth First! groups or individual Earth First!ers. If you disagree with something in DoD write to us. We have NO funds, this magazine is literally run out of the editorial collectives' dole money and donations. If you can spare it send it, made out to 'Earth First!'.

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This issue is dedicated to Tim from Lewes reACTION. He died in July this year. May many diggers grow sick in his memory.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

"I do not want to encourage day-dreaming, we are in a world of practical realities..."- Brian Mawinney, Minister for Transport (1)

"My people shall never work. Those who work can not dream, and wisdom comes to us in dreams.."- Smohalla, Native American, 1887.

"Be Realistic- Demand the Impossible!"- graffitt, Paris May '68

Mr.Mawinney- Welcome to the Nightmare.

After three years of sustained direct action against roadbuilding you wish us to sit down at the negotiation table, to be civil and polite to the very same people who have sent riot police, security guards, spies and infiltrators to destroy us. You called for a 'ceasefire in the sterile feuding over transport issues', a, 'fresh start...[a] move back to properly informed, rational argument, with respect for opposing views, in a manner more fitting to the democratic traditions of our country.'"(1) You issued this call on the 7th of December, exactly one year after the eviction and destruction of the Chestnut Tree at the M11. It took the DoT over 400 cops and 200 security to take the land and that wasn't the end of it, things for the govt only got worse. Daily site invasions, numerous acts of sabotage; no wonder you want us to sit down and talk- when we're talking we're not fighting.

Let's pretend for a moment that we could suppress our feelings of nausea and rage and sit down to negotiate; what in fact could you offer us? The end of the industrial system- can you offer us that? An end to the assault against the life support systems of the earth, a society within nature, a life where only our pas-

sions and desires rule, an earth alive; can you offer us that? Of course not!

What CAN you offer us-A 'rational reasoned debate on transport'? Why should we debate, we know what you are going to say, you've said it countless times before, we are bored of listening. The modern ecology move-

ment is over 30 years old; in the bowels of your office there is a whole forest of reports on the ecological stupidity of what you are doing.

You know the situation.

Capitalism - and its petrochemical/car making economy - must keep moving. The need for transport infrastructural development is the need of the multinational corporations. The economy, (both nationally and internationally), must expand or die. We have consistently argued that to build more infrastructure simply creates more traffic, that as greater capacity is produced it is filled. More roads = more cars = more roads = more cars, a disastrous spiral down into ecological collapse. You must maintain the demand for cars and petrochemical byproducts as

an end in itself. You must preside over the ever increasing centralisation of production and consumption - with the lorry on the motorway as the rolling warehouse - making it progressively more difficult to get by in this society without a car. None of this worries you of course,



what we call a disastrous spiral you call economic growth. What worries you is the short term survival of the economy. Congestion is what worries you.

What is congestion? On the whole simply the process of earth destruction slowed down by its own mass. Every morning hundreds of commuters arrive late for work, contracts are broken and goods delivered late- all because of the jam. The CBI estimated it costs the economy around £15 Billion a year. Are we meant to feel distressed about this? Do you really expect us to sit down and work out solutions for YOUR problems? We want no more roads but we also know that the need for most journeys is the need of those we oppose. We are not about to start doing your research for you, we are not going to let YOUR needs monopolise OUR imaginations. We have better things to do, defending the earth, building communities, growing our carrots and dancing!

You illustrate your ignorance of natural processes very well with your request for a ceasefire and debate. This nation state owes a massive carbon debt to nature, and apparently is committed to adding to this crisis through its pathetic 'reduction of emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000' programme. On the basis of your efforts so far it appears you will not even meet this dismal target! You can try to negotiate with us but how do you plan to 'negotiate' with nature - with the nature that is going to flood your petty Parliament and destroy your fragile Economy as global warming - or any number of impending environmental catastrophes - come home to roost. You have nothing to offer nature - as an ecological cretin you don't even know what to say. The earth's carbon cycle now demands the elimination of fossil fuel use and the massive reafforestation of the British Isles and the earth - in other words, the extinction of your civilisa-

tion and the resurgence of our culture. That is the ecological reality - your 'political realities', your 'reasoned debate', is an ABSOLUTE irrelevance.

In short in return for us climbing off our barricades, destroying our emerging communities and halting REAL resistance, you are willing to hold a debate we have already had and make a decision that we are already forcing you into making. If that were not bad enough we would resign ourselves forever to be in effect a capitalist think tank whose aim would be the smooth running of this genocidal, ecocidal system. Well thanks, but no thanks! We will never join you. To negotiate is to already accept the death of nature. The society which you represent is a constant war against the earth. A ceasefire is the putting down of weapons on both sides. You are not about to put down the weapons with which you fight, not the truncheons, not the factories. There will only be a ceasefire, there will only be REAL peace when the earth is purged of institutions like that of which you are presently a part.

Brian, why not dance the forbidden dance, rediscover your humanity, rediscover your wildness, throw all your files out of the window, burn down your office, smash up your TV, break free and join us, for we will never join you!

Yours with love,

-Some @anonymous digger diving agitators.

"Our dreams are becoming reality- we grow stronger!"- Grafitti at Fillebrook Road, M11.

(1) D.O.T Press Notice no. 471, 7.12.94

(2) D.O.T Press Notice no. 54, 27.2.95

We received a copy of this letter anonymously- it was we are told, sent to Brian Mawinney's private fax number. Just as we were going to print, he was elevated(maybe the wrong word to use) to the post of Chairman of the Tory party. During his stay as Minister for Transport some activists took his 'great transport debate' to mean that it was time for us to stop saying no all the time and put forward practical solutions to his society's problems- this was often called ironically, 'setting our own agenda'. In the last couple of hours of his post at the DoT nice Mr.Mawinney announced that the Newbury by-pass would go ahead. He may think that he had the last laugh but Brian, we know where you live! It matters little who the minister is, an individual in these cases is merely the role he plays out, therefore this letter equally applies to the new minister.-Eds (allegedly)



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Pollock Free State Lives on!

Pollok Free State still stands despite two massive attempts by Wimpey construction and the police to evict the camp. The last attack saw 16 arrests, major scuffles with the police and the use of cherrypickers for the first time in this campaign. Despite the attack, and the connected road block, and school lock-in, to prevent the local kids becoming involved, only 12 trees around the periphery of the camp were felled. One Scots pine was saved by a camper climbing to its bough for some 14 hours, despite several attempts by security to yank him from his perch. The camp remains strongly defiant surrounded by fence, security and police - The fight continues.

The campaign against the M77 has raged for the past 30 years. The route of the motorway passes through an area of land known as Pollok Estate, an area

of protected land bequeathed to the people of Glasgow by Sir John Stirling Maxwell and forming the first piece of land given to the National Trust for Scotland. The land was sold after Maxwell's death to Strathclyde Regional Council, who planned to slice a motorway right through its very heart, destroying ancient woodland protected habitats, and funnelling 53,000 cars per hour past deprived communities. It was envisaged that such a route would bring prosperity to the sea-side town of Ayr lying to the south of Glasgow - but in reality it will only serve as a commuter corridor, taking all of 7 minutes off a journey into the city centre. No Environmental Impact Assessment has ever been carried out. The M77 is in breach of European law, and just as this fight really begins, Strathclyde, in its dying moments as a council, has pledged its support behind yet another new urban mo-



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torway the M74, needed to deal with the excess traffic generated by the M77. We are ready and waiting. The M77 will prove a crucial battleground.

The communities of Pollok and CORKERHILL lie next to the proposed M77 scheme, and their communities have opposed the road for decades. CORKERHILL has the lowest percentage of car owners in Europe and 1 in 5 children there already has asthma. Glasgow has a long history of community resistance, from the Red Clydesiders onwards, and Pollok formed one of the centres of the Anti-poll tax movement in Britain, the M77 protest will add to the long list of civil unrest seen in this area.

Work commenced 2 years ago and some 2 miles of roadbed was laid. A series of crane and tree sits were organised and towards the end of 1993 Pollok Free State was founded. The motorway project was hit with money hassles and temporarily abandoned just as two cranes

spontaneously combusted.

In 1994 the battle again came to Pollok. Glasgow EFL formed in April and began to campaign with a vengeance, occupying Strathclyde Regional Councils buildings in opposition to the road. Throughout the year the campaign grew with raves, gigs and spontaneous actions. Occasionally the social events were marred with violence, that removed the media's attention away from the road. The camp became an alcohol and drug free zone to attempt to counter violence and fights breaking out between drunks using the camp to doss, or the social events being used to settle old gang scores.

The protest over the summer of 94 grew, with more and more local people becoming involved. The first march from Glasgow city centre, 7 miles to Pollok attracted hundreds. It felt like the war was won. A Glasgow paper conducted a survey that found 68% of Glaswegians supported the campaign, and Charlie Gordan, leader of roads in Strathclyde conceded that we had won the propaganda war, as the M77 became the issue in Scotland.

The contract was awarded last October to Wimpey Construction, an outsider whose bid was 8 million lower than the other bidders, hinting that Wimpey might aim to use the remaining trust land and the M77 to build an infrastructure for a series of MFI-villes and Wimpey villages. On February 1st 1995, 3 weeks after they were due to start, Wimpey moved in to fell trees. Immediately protesters began sabotaging their work chaining themselves to saws, trees and workers, with several chainsaws being mysteriously mislaid by the workers. Previously many trees had been spiked but to only limited success, as the cutters would fell the tree under the line of spikes, and the low-paid cutters seemed oblivious to the dangers spikes would pose. But the spikes have stopped the contractors selling the wood on and making revenue from the valuable timber a 100foot, 300 year old Oak would have given them.

Throughout February, Wimpey played a game of cat and mouse, driving huge distances to cut down a few trees whilst pursued by the protesters. Often the police would act as decoys getting between protesters' vehicles and allowing cutters to get away. Good communication links were desperately needed, although often our CB messages would be suspiciously jammed, and important phone contact would break down at crucial moments.

Two more camps were set up at Patterson and CORKERHILL. At Patterson a former MoD building was squatted and turned into a vegan cafe. Allan Stewart, Scottish minister for Trade and Industry, visited this camp one Sunday and threatened folk around him with a pick-



The Pollock Emergency Phone Tree

axe, whilst two teenage boys accompanying him carried airpistols, neither of course were charged. Although the surrounding media furore led to Stewart's resignation from his ministerial position and it gave us a great deal of local support, if anything though the scandal detracted from the real issues about class, status and ecology that mark the campaign, but the resignation of a Tory Minister added a great boost to a growing campaign. Whilst enjoying much lobbying support from the local community, until this point the free staters were often seen, thanks greatly to the right-wing Scottish media, as a bunch of outsiders - anarchistic English sent up to cause trouble.

What happened on Valentine's day coupled with the involvement of the local Militant group to a great extent changed perceptions and began to increasingly radicalise the nearby communities against the road. At 6AM on Valentine's day 300 police and security surrounded the camp, placing roadblocks on the surrounding road and cordoning off the area to allow tree cutting at the actual camp. 7 people were resident in the camp that morning and were effectively cut off from the outside world. The network of phone contacts suddenly went dead and plain-clothed officers watched a number of activists' homes.

Word spread about the events at the camp, and the Police who were using a local schools playground as a base, alerted many of the pupils to the camps plight. 100 kids walked out of classes, charging down the roadbed, breaking through police lines and saving the bulk of the camp. 26 security resigned that day refusing to be class traitors anymore. One security guard said: "I have a wife and four kids to feed but I'd rather go back on the dole than this." Militant were central in convincing many of the security to quit, knowing many of them from the local area. Wanted posters were to be made up of certain security mens' faces who were known to live in the area and were in effect shitting on their own. The security that did not resign have begun to mask up, either because they will be recognised by the brew or their own communities, or to not risk charges when assaulting protesters.

The pupils began to organise their own union, and three schools started to take part in the protests. Bellamine pupils demanded 2 hours off lessons per day to protest, and when their demands were not met began to strike. So successful were the childrens' campaigns that the local media began to taint free staters and Militant as manipulating the kids into unrest. In an area with a high degree of truancy, the pupils need no encouragement, and became a valuable asset to the campaign as they organised direct actions between themselves.

Two days after Valentines, 'To Pollok With Love', (a convoy of activists from England and Wales



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who drove up in cars which were used to build a car-henge) arrived and provided a welcome relief. We finally completed the car henge, and despite some whinging about the environmental impact of burning the henge by Greenpeace, all the cars were torched, on the rainswept motorway bed. Spontaneous actions marked the weekend, and 2 English folk were unlawfully arrested and held by the police all weekend.

Patterson was finally trashed after 4 attempts, and after one 18 year old lass had spent a week up a tree, with Wimpey men setting fire to tyres below her to try and smoke her out. Corkerhill fell to a dawn raid, as security dragged folk from a caravan before fencing off the area and clear cutting, supported by over 300 police. During this raid many protesters were beaten by security and many valuable items were stolen from the camp.

As time progresses into this campaign more and more of our experienced activists are being bailed or jailed. The bail conditions combine the criminal element not to reoffend, with conditions paramount to a civil injunction disallowing approach, or interference with work at the M77 site. Whilst elements of the CJA are law in Scotland, relating to aggravated trespass, protesters in Pollok have had the cover-all Breach of the peace related to all our actions, from overturning wheelbarrows to shouting "shame" at contractors. Compulsory strip-searches, and being held overnight or all weekend is becoming famil-

iar. A rally against the CJA marched from the city centre to Pollok, and there 400 people overcame the fence into the compound and clambered over the machinery, the police were forced to watch. No arrests were made on that day, but as we lose more and more of our activists to bail conditions, the nature of direct action will change and become more covert. Attention has switched from the construction site to Wimpey Homes, a subsidiary of

the same company, and where their minimal profit margins are made. Show homes make an easy target for occupations and a series of homes have spontaneously combusted recently.

The No M77 campaign has brought about the long spoken about alliance between Green and Red and made it a reality. Many environmentalists began to see the campaign beyond wholly moral terms and saw the class and social implications of this fight. Militant defending trees would have been unthinkable a few months ago but it's happening, as direct action is being seized by the community as a tool of empowerment. With our desperately short numbers, we are forced into situations of consoli-



Sheep in Wolves Clothing

The chairman of National Trust for Scotland is also acting chairman of Shanks & McEwan PLC, Glasgow. S&M (!) is owner of Rechem and also wants to build a HUGE landfill + toxic waste site on the outskirts of Glasgow, which the new motorway through Pollok Estate conveniently leads to. Now we can see why NT Scotland didn't object to the motorway. One of the other S&M directors is also a director of NT Scotland (listing hunting and shooting as hobbies.)

dation and defence. However expect a return to the offensive -The struggle carries on...

- Anon, Glasgow Earth First!

-For more information read DoD 3 (Oct 93), 'Land & Liberty' article. The author said of the Pollok campaign that, 'there's going to be an outrage and were going to start it!', prophetic words indeed.

ATTENTION READERS FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

Pollock needs International solidarity from the radical ecology movement. Below is listed companies owned by Wimpey Plc, destroyers of Pollock estate. Please take action against these companies it really makes a difference. Drop a line to Glasgow EF! about any action you take. France-Wimpey Commercialisation SNC, Spain-George Wimpey Iberia, Eire-Wimpey Minerals Portugal- Wimpey Portugal Ltd, Czech rep- Wimpey Severokamen AS, Norway-Wimpol Norge Netherlands-Wimpey Property Holdings, USA-Wimpey Property Holdings USA-Wimpey Commercial Inc., Canada-George Wimpey Canada Ltd.

It's (Not Really That) Grim Up North!



Humans can fly with walkways in the Sky

It is really hard to write a regional round-up without making regionalist assumptions, so I thought I'd get one straight out of the way in the title, hopefully there won't be any more. Here goes. Definitely the major story in the North of England of late has been the M65 extension. The campaign began in May 1994 at Cuerden Valley which has now been totally devastated by Stage 1 of the £142 million (!) 12 mile M65 road extension, which stretches from Junction 29 on the M6 to Blackburn. There has been serious opposition since work began, with constant Direct Action, squatting of properties en route, and tree-sitting. The most well publicised period of the campaign has been the recent defence of the Stanworth Valley "Village in the Sky", at the beginning of Stage 2 of the motorway. A small group of people squatted the ancient wood & despite the grim weather conditions, and lack of full time people over winter, they managed to construct the largest tree village in England if not the world!!!!

There were over 40 tree houses ranging between 30 and 70 feet in the air protecting both sides of the ap-

proximately 100 metre wide valley. High tension cable walkways connected all the treetop homes and crossed over the River Ribblesworth, that surged (due to the rain cloud vortex over Lancashire), through the middle of the valley.

After many false alarms the legal battle to save Stanworth ended on April the 27th and that weekend more than 300 activists gathered to defend the trees. In a defiant party mood, last minute preparations made way for Beltane celebrations. With music all around and the forces of doom and destruction gathering on the hill, the compound was stormed by naked protesters who left Group 4 in an embarrassed quandary not knowing what to do.

Monday morning-May 1st(1)- saw the start of the madness. The Under-Sheriff had hired a team of climbers to do the dirty work. Andrew Wilson, Under Sherfff of Lancashire claimed that the climbers were "trained to mountain-rescue standard". This was simply not true. Two climbers attempting to put a woman in a harness up a tree, shouted down to another two "How do you fasten this buckle?"!!! They were recruited unknow-

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ingly through a vertical access company & an advert in a climbing magazine, when they complained about what they had to do, they were threatened with the sack, and had their wages upped to £300 a day. Upon entering the treetops they were quite shocked to find that people were not just passive spectators to their own removal. A gentle but firm push with the foot often kept them out of a tree-house. The activists in many ways had the advantage that as a body they knew the territory. Two climbers tried to man handle an activist out of the trees, mistakenly think-

ing they were alone. The calls for help were quickly answered and to the climbers astonishment out of the thick shroud of leaves above, activists abseiled down, others pained up from below and yet more appeared from both sides running along walkways

and branches. The climbers could be forgiven for thinking they were caught in a spiders web. The police, climbers and bailiffs throughout the eviction endangered lives with crazy stunts. People defending walkways, some 70-90 ft high, had them cut from underneath them. Without any warning people were grabbed and their harnesses cut. Adrenaline flowed, tempers flared. Despite a brutal first day only 5 tree house were lost and 10 arrested. That night some of the lost walkways were replaced. Although

53 vehicles pulled up that morning and a lot of costly he-man power came to hack down the woods, they gained a pathetic amount of ground and were still unable to get their cherrypickers in.

First light on Tuesday and you could already feel the temperature rising. The dawn chorus was drowned out by the cry of Aruga!, followed by machinery. More madness on the walkways, absurdity on the ground, a helicopter in the sky, cameras nicely out of shot, and up the trees- a different world. The climbers

moved in again and took another 6 tree-houses, but still they hadn't cleared a way to the valley floor. The cargo nets which had been so effective at Claremont Road proved difficult to defend and despite spirited attempts to delay the bailiffs with interesting knot work-

The Youth of Today

Two boys, 8 & 10 years old, asked if we were the tree people "Could we come and see the valley?" they said. "And could we maybe, possibly, like, well, join you?" we tried to talk them out of bringing their tools, what with the police and all. But it was ok, they reassured us, "When I see the police, I put my tools down my trousers!"

shops, they mauled and removed many of those on the nets. Wednesday night and Liz's tree on the west bank was re-occupied and walkways replaced. After a hard day's struggling on the walkways, the climbers were visibly exhausted but the planetarian resistance kept busy repairing and retaking the walkways. With over 50 arrested by now, and some re-arrested for breaking bail conditions, they had made way for the big cherrypicker to get to the valley floor.



Martin, (who was partially paralysed after falling from the trees at Solsbury Hill), fights off a bailiff who has removed his shoes & socks & is pulling on his legs. Later, a noose was put around one of his ankles & used to try to pull him down.

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Unleashed chainsaws ripped through the valley, carelessly (or purposefully?) felling trees onto inhabited trees to screams of 'murderers'. Bulldozers gauged the earth hitting roots of shallow rooted beech trees, also inhabited; more screams, then silence.

Thursday morning and what seemed like security, but later turned out to be police, were cutting walkways with blades tied to poles. This was part of a police operation to isolate and capture certain people who had instinctively resisted more enthusiastically when grabbed. Before the cherrypicker arrived for that day's work, many walkways had been replaced and improved. The walk way leading out of the compound was held and well defended but now the system was considerably reduced. It remained an effective means of delaying the eviction however and provided escape routes for those who needed to get out. That morning protesters visited the Under-Sheriff of Lancashire's office. The poor undersheriff had to leave his beloved eviction, because this time HIS space had been invaded. If this was not enough, he found activists squatting HIS roof and the treehouse in HIS garden. His father had been Under-Sheriff before him, so was the treehouse there as a training ground for his kids? Andrew Wilson of The Cottage, 483 Garstange road, Broughton, Preston, Lancashire- Red Audi number plate A2USL (Personalised plate Andrew the 2nd Under Sheriff of Lan-

cashire- Sad bastard!) was not amused.

Friday evening and it was done. It had taken five days. Over 120 people had been removed from the trees, over 60 arrested and all (plus 13 arrested in February whilst defending 6 houses further along the route) invited to a SERIOUS PARTY in, on, outside and around Blackburn courthouse on June 13th. This resulted in a marauding crowd of around 70 causing chaos in the court, banners hung, files thrown out of windows. A number of people were arrested for public order offences. Who said court proceedings are boring!

Many of the population of Balckburn have been won over. Support came flooding in from local people. Free bus rides, led to free chips and free beer. Visible

proof that YOU CAN'T KILL THE SPIRIT beamed out of the woods; people made the connection that this was not just a game. Lives were put at risk because lives are at risk; at risk from big business ravenously consuming the environment, creating more transport chaos, more polluting in the pur-

It's da Pigs!

Panic spread outward from the camp one night as the cops turned up. Someone shouted 'it's a raid', and all the little elves, busy demolishing security fences, tried turning into toadstools, failed and ran. So the police ran after them. Through a combination of diversion and that old trick of lying down very still, a bail-braker got away. What did the cops want? A couple of locals to make an example of. Don't join the tree people whatever you do and, kids, don't take drugs!

suit of profit.

So far the NO M65 campaign has added an extra 12.2 million onto the cost of this senseless road. Stanworth Valley may be down, but it's spirit gets ever stronger as hundreds of people across the country learn to build tree houses and walkways and then pass these skills on to more and more people: It's easier than you

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think.... so just do it! The Resistance at the M65 continues with the occupation of 'Jacks Barn' in the village of Guide near the end of the M65's path of destruction, with actions every day!

To the South of the M65, the final link to the Outer Manchester Ring Road is the proposed M66, which will completely encircle Manchester with motorway. Work has started on sections of it, but is already faced with uncertainty and delay- and that even before the Direct Action is thrown into the equation.

Locals set up camp in Medlock Valley, Site of Special Biological Interest, in the path of the Hollinwood to Denton section of the road, due to be started mid-September. Also on the route house have been squatted, and tree-house building started. The enthusiastic local campaign needs help to build tree houses and maintain en-route camps over autumn & winter. Human resources permitting, local campaign plan to take on the destruction of nearby Beale Valley, due to be landfilled so that a golf course can be built! Get on down there.

Liverpool EF! scored a notable victory when, combining with other local groups, they stopped a monster incinerator from being built at the University hospital. This would have spewed out dioxins by the shedload onto the people of the City. The company that was going to build it, AEG (a subsidy of Norwest-Holst), identified Liverpool as a place where there would be the most apathy to their heinous plans. How wrong they were. AEG then tried to get an equally big poison generator built at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Manchester EF!, again within an alliance, sent the bastards packing in January. AEG will be lucky if they can even burn a match in the North West for some time to come!! Ring the Emergency Dioxin Alliance on 0161-274-4665 if interested/inspired.

The traditional mining areas around Garforth are, like other coalfield areas such as South Wales and Durham being ripped apart by opencasting.

Leeds EF! are taking direct action to try and stop these quarries. On Tuesday 30th of May 30 activists invaded the worksite at the Garforth Opencast mine. Work was stopped until the cops arrived. 20 riot police appeared, quick cuffed people and dragged them away. "Quick Cuffs" are basically plastic tags (that used to be used for electrical stuff) that if placed around someone's wrists or thumbs tighten everytime they move causing severe pain. 19 protesters were arrested under the CJA and bailed off ALL opencast sites in the country!!

A camp has been set up on an island of trees surrounded by opencast. The owner of the land is on our side so their should be little danger of eviction.

Demonstrations, actions etc. are happening contact Leeds EF!

Several northern towns including Manchester, York and Lancaster all ben staging Critical Masses. Much fun was had by all (except irate motorists behind the velo-centric convoys, who wouldn't have got home much faster anyway!) Critical Mass seems to be taking off big-time. Let's hope these monthly celebrations of the joy of cycling can be one further nail in the increasingly nailed down coffin of the car culture.

The EF! gathering is near Lancaster this September so we will see you then.

We've only just begun...

Yours sustainably

-A collective of anons

(1) May 1st is the pagan festival beltain and also a holiday in many countries, this is due to it being international workers day, created to commemorate the murder of Chicago Anarchists in the last century.



Security Guard with knife at Stanworth Valley

Midlands Report

So just what have we been doing in the Midlands.

Derby

Just cos there isn't a Derby EF! listed on the back of the Action Update doesn't mean Tarmac can get away with getting paid over £127 million to trash a whole load of badger setts, archaeology, ecology, trees and the rest. They call it the 'Derby Southern Bypass A564- we call it a fucking disgrace and a viable target. Actions have been going on, and will certainly continue, a camp has been set up.. The actual road forms a shadow M62, linking the M1 to the M6 as well as passing suspiciously close to a new Toyota car factory. The thing is even being built as a Dual 3 lane with hard shoulder in places, with a spur into Derby itself to make sure the local residents get the full benefit of the fucked up air. contact 01-332-204-097.

Upper Nene/Northampton

For a change, we did an action on home turf on a local issue. No, really, the Midlands most notorious eco-commuters have finally organised a home match. The opposition- Baron St.John of Fawsley, or Norman St.John Stevas as was. The Cup- A coveted area of wetland miles from anywhere. They, (Norman team, Stock Lands & Estates), want it for a rich git commuter village. We don't. Match report- Upper Nene EF! FC field a side of local talent and national stars and two childrens' playhouses in a 5;0;6 formation and control the midfield until the opposition sent in the groundstaff. Venue- Normans Front Garden!. Final result- Said Norman has resigned and Borough planning committee are split on the issue. Replay expected.

Birmingham

We hit McDonalds on International McDonalds Day, (didn't everyone) and have been doing loads of stuff

on the CJA. There will be more anti-McMurder actions soon. We were involved with two anti-CJA marches, one which had a few thousand people. We've also been taken up with sabbing at weekends and a few of us have been down to Coventry to take part in the live export blockades. A city centre building was opened as an anti-CJA squat, it was great while it lasted- but unfortunately lasted only a few days. We've also been doing anti-mahogany trade 'ethical shoplifting' (Isn't all shoplifting ethical-), which got us on telly. 150 people 'reclaimed the streets' on a Birmingham dual carriageways. The fun lasted five hours. The sun shone and the bands played whilst the kids played 'on the beach' or in the paddling pools that mysteriously appeared. A good time was had by all and, hey there were no arrests.

Notts.

People from Notts EF! have been down doing actions at the Derby Southern Bypass and we have been having our own Critical mass bike rides. We also did a April 15th McDonalds hit, (does anyone know how many branches got hit?). In May the " Land is Ours" movement" reclaimed the land at Radford, Nottingham. The six acre site was occupied for a week. It was cleared of rubbish and the camp provided a glimpse of sustainable, low impact living. The land is set to become a car park but the camp showed that there are better uses for it.

And that's about all for this time, there's probably shit loads happening that I didn't get to hear about, but that's the way it goes, in future, if you want your stuff in Do or Die you could always DIY. Ta,

Lesley de Railleur,
middle of the island.

- Upper Nene EF!

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Meanwhile down in the Westcountry



Avon Gorge Earth First! on the Attack, (Wimpey, Bristol)

This year protest has been growing in the west. The main action has been directed against roads. The road building programme could hit the west badly, opening up its wild parts to industrial development. However the concentration on roads must not let us forget the other crisis's being created for the west by its economic development.

Mendip Hills, Not Mendip Holes

One of EF's longest running campaigns has been against quarries in Somerset. Actions in early '92 and '93 by (the now defunct) South Somerset EF! and many local people resulted in an application to expand Whatley Quarry being turned down. The application would have meant the Quarry ending up twice the size of Shepton Mallet. As per usual the company, ARC, has waited until things cooled down and then reapplied. They hoped that protest would not kick off again. Wrong again.

In late June the Quarry entrances were block-

aded and locked up by around 30 activists from Yeovil FN and Avon Gorge EF!- all before 9am. A number of people invaded the quarry and work crews frantically gathered laid explosives. At one point 73 trucks were waiting to get in, and around half that number trying to get out. The convoy of activists left before lunch only to pop up at the Wells Relief Road. The clearance contract had yet to be let out and the marauders were met with just one digger, many relieved the boredom by pulling survey stakes, creating a cute little bonfire.

At 3pm, just as a bus load of councillors entered the quarry for a field visit, the convoy appeared once again. Activists invaded, occupying a drilling machine, which was making holes to lay explosives. The councillors got the message that people would not let this quarry be expanded.

Solsbury Hill

With the end of the full-time resistance last sum-

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mer the campaign has been based around occasional days of action and weekend gatherings at Solsbury Hill. During the winter months there was no need for actions as rain flooded the construction site. Most of the workers were laid off for a month until the (very well vanadilised) drainage mechanisms could clear up the water.

There were a number of office occupations; at Alfred Marks - the employment agency that vetted the security guards (2), Withy King and Lee - the Solicitors responsible for sorting out evictions and employing Brays Detectives for the D.O.T.

The one year anniversary gathering in mid March '95 went off with a bang. A few days before an Anti-CJA event on the Hill ended up with lots of fencing pulled down, trashed machinery and security thugs in hospital, (I guess people had had enough of being used as punch bags). There were only a couple of arrests. A more peaceful day was had when 200 people gathered on the hilltop on Tuesday 14th March and then invaded the construction sites for the anniversary celebration. Little work went on the rest of the day much of the machinery being occupied. One security guard, Eddie, jacked in his job after being jeered on. He had been campaigning against the CJA and eventually decided his job was not justified, or worth the stress. There was one arrest for assault.

The next day-time activity on the hill was an action on June 19th during the council's Green Transport Week and the day before No Car Day in Bath. We wanted to point out what hypocrites they were being when

they were building a fuck off road!. Thirty people from Bristol and Bath invaded the site and stopped work for a few hours. Apparently they had decided that there was no longer much threat to the site and they were even considering firing some more security slaves. Amey's main man looked as though he was having a seizure when he saw that we were back.

August 11-14th saw around 100 people return to the hill for an action packed gathering. On the Saturday an excellent Critical Mass took place through the streets of Bath. Around 200 people very slowly made their way along the main roads - cycling, walking, dancing holding up traffic for about 2-3 hours. On the Sunday people left the hill to travel to Siston Common on the edge of Bristol to hold a demonstration against the planned ring road. Monday saw a site invasion with about 80 people occupying machinery on a number of sites.

The bad news is that there is a new threat to the ecology around Solsbury Hill. Wessex Water have applied to use the old Batheaston Reservoir as a dump for spoil from the construction of the bypass. If this goes ahead an access road (yet another fucking road) will be built along Chilcombe Bottom, the valley at the back (north) of Solsbury Hill. Chilcombe Bottom is a designated area of outstanding natural beauty, home to rare wildflowers, butterflies, insects and mammals. The disused Batheaston Reservoir is a breeding ground for birds. The access road will be double width and run from upper Swainswick to the reservoir. As this is an obvious invitation back.....see you at Chilcombe Bottom if the proposals get through!



Solsbury Hill, March '95

LUDDITES ON THE MARCH

From The Bath Chronicle, 18.7.1776

"Last Wednesday in the evening a riotous mob of weavers, Sheermen, etc., assembled together and preceded to the town of Shepton Mallet with an intent to destroy, under the cover of night, a spinning machine lately erected by the clothiers, for the advancement and benefit of the manufactory, and to pull down the houses and take away the lives of those persons who encouraged and promoted the use of it. The mob attacked the poor house where the machines were worked, and before the soldiery could be had out to oppose them, broke into the same, and not only destroyed the particular objects of their resentment, but committed other injuries to a very considerable amount. They had scarcely effected their purpose, when the military, proceeded by the magistrates, advanced, and secured five of the ring leaders, but in conveying them to the prison they were attacked by the whole body, with an intention to effect a rescue. Driven to the extremity, no alternative was left- the command to level their pieces was given, and one man was killed on the spot, and six were wounded, some of them it is feared mortally. This intimidated the mob and they retired with the utmost precipitation."

From the Bath Chronicle, 13.3.1995

"Protesters and security guards clashed repeatedly as fences were brought down around the bypass route. Around 150 people gathered in Alice Park for what was billed as a 'mass trespass'. They walked along the London Road to the southern entrance of the construction site, where security guards were waiting for them. While half the protesters attacked the gate, others pulled down an undefended part of the fence and streamed onto the site. Within minutes, they were wandering around the half built road near the watermeadows, lights were ripped off construction vehicles and their windows were smashed. Demonstrators then turned their attention to the gate on the northern side of the A4. They hurled rocks at the guards at the other side, slid under the gate and shook the gate until it collapsed. Chief Inspector Paul Dennis of Bath police said: " Criminal damage was caused on some of the machinery. They then set about damaging fences and some were throwing rocks at security guards". He added that one protester had been arrested for criminal damage and one for assault. Last night, 20 other demonstrators were occupying Bath police station, demanding to see their friends."

For more info contact the Solsbury Hill Action Group or Avon Gorge EF!

Bristol Report

Ashton Court is a large park in Bristol well known for a number of community and national events. It is used by the people of Bristol for recreation and is a designated area of public space.

Pioneer Aggregates U.K. has put in a planning application to extend their existing 63 acre limestone quarry that lies on the edge of the park. They have applied to extend the quarry by 34 acres into Top Park Field. This is a calcareous meadow with rare wild flowers including Green Winged and Common Spotted Orchids, Yellow Rattle, Greater Knapweed and Harebell. Near the meadow are a number of 400 year old Oak trees that will also be affected by the developments.

Pioneer have said to prevent damage to the meadow they are going to cut it up into 32, 000 pieces and move it to another part of the estate! This idea has generally been laughed at. It will destroy Top Park meadow and affect the land where it is to be 'translocated'.

Avon Gorge EF! got hold of the company's annual report and found they were telling a few fibs. They had said that they were a local company with local interests etc. when in fact they are part of the multinational Pioneer Group, who have assets of £ 4.2 billion from destroying land all over the world.

From the Council meetings that we attended in great leary numbers, we found out that the Council had made a deal with Pioneer. This meant that they could quarry another 21 acres. Bristol Council seriously considered challenging this agreement until Pioneer threatened legal action making councillors personally liable. So it was passed on to Avon County Council to decide whether planning permission should be granted - we are still awaiting their decision.

Meanwhile we leafleted the areas of Bristol that would be affected by the quarry and its lorries. We demonstrated at the council, in Pioneer's offices, in the existing quarry, through Ashton Court and organised a procession with FoE through the city centre to oppose the quarry...even though it had been banned by the police! The most fun was had, however, chasing the quarry's site manager and Pioneer's regional manager through the streets of Bristol, joined by fellow concerned citizens, shouting to everyone that they were trying to take our land, until they reached the safety of their hotel where we pushed out by security.

After much embarrassment, public and press

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ridicule, Pioneer have now changed their application to a slightly smaller area of 21 acres, although the 34 is still a threat as they have offered the council a few nice deals; including more money (per tonne of aggregate) towards the upkeep of the estate, and turning the old quarry into a "wildlife centre"!!!!!!!

Two large marches to oppose the CJA have taken place in Bristol, with a few thousand people on each of them. The last Anti-CJA event was a party on College Green to oppose the law that clashed nicely with the local election count at the Council House, on College Green! A few hundred people turned up, the Council House was surrounded and a few bottles were thrown.

There have been a number of free all-night parties held in a warehouse in Bristol with no hassle from the police (so far) and thousands of people enjoying themselves.

Bristol Housing Action Movement have managed to house a number of homeless people in squats in the city, the CJA has not yet been used to evict anyone and Bristol City Council says it does not intend to use it, unless it is to evict travellers of course, (which they have been busy doing).

Contact: Bristol Housing Action Movement, Box 56, 82 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB

Siston Common is another area of public open space threatened with destruction in Bristol (there ain't many left). The meadows and remaining woodland on Siston Common would be destroyed if Avon County Council go ahead with plans to build stage 2 of the Avon ring road (Shortwood - Warmley).

This dual carriageway will cost at least £13 million to build and has enraged many because it will destroy part of the Bristol and Bath Railway path. This is used by hundreds of cyclists and walkers every week. Members of Bristol Cycling Campaign have held several well attended demonstrations at the Common. They are also challenging Avon County Council on the piece of land that is being offered in exchange for the loss of the Common land. For more information contact the Save Siston Common Campaign, 84 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB, or Avon Gorge EF!

Shock Horror we had a success. An application had already been put through the council by Country Club Hotel group to build a golf course at Abbott's Leigh. It had been turned down on ecological as there was semi-natural woodland where they wanted to build it. This time as the application was going through the council, the Forestry Commission decided that that part of the wood needed "thinning" or "extensive thinning" in fact you could call it "CLEARING" (anyone still under any illusions about the Forestry Commission - get a life!).

One local resident had noticed all the trees being chopped down...she also had a contact number for Avon Gorge EF! We went up to the woodland and immobilised the bulldozer used for clearing. Sadly many trees had got the chop but work was stopped and the next day a representative from the Forestry Commission met enraged local residents, councillors and crusties. The Forestry Commission were trying to make sure that they made the most money out of the land by cutting the wood for timber. There would then be no trees, the application would go through and they could then sell the cleared land to the country club. Sadly for them some trees were saved and the application was turned down on ecological grounds once again.

There have been a number of actions in Bristol in solidarity with other campaigns. We have seen this to be a very valuable tactic. Wimpey Construction U.K. were surprised and upset when their offices in Bristol were occupied three times because of the M77 in Glasgow. Many companies, even if they are not multinationals, at least have offices in major cities near YOU.

In Bristol we even met two Wimpey employees that had just arrived back from the Glasgow office - what a nice surprise for them. Wimpey were even more upset when we stumbled into their more than private conference at the snobby, out of the way, Red Wood Lodge. Here they were seen mingling with delegates from Tarmac and other such nice guests, (we'll leave the conspiracy theories to you!). They quickly hid paperwork, and turned off the projector. We were dragged out leaving only enough time to rant at them. They couldn't work out how the hell we had got there..."where have you come from?"..."how did you know?"...etc.

With such hyperactivity it is not surprising that AVEF! have engendered secret-state interest and intimidation. AVEF! were blessed with a phone call from a leading copper asking about their future actions. He claimed he had received a copy of a limited circulation AVEF! action list from the Southern Intelligence Unit, (keepers of the infamous Operation Snapshot traveller intelligence gathering operation). Around the same time a mysterious couple appearing at a action meeting point over anxious to find out the location of the next hit., (due to security targets of actions are sometimes not published). One activist followed the woman of the couple into the bogs, only to hear her talking on a mobile phone telling someone the supposed location of the action, (we had given her false information). These characters disappeared when the police arrived. Coupled with obvious phone tapping and security trying to wind up activists by telling them where they had been the previous day, (on one occasion a boast that proved that someone had followed an activ-

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ist over 30 miles). We can only presume that in combination with a sophisticated information gathering operation the forces that be are obviously trying to intimidate us into inaction. If they didn't want us to know we were being watched they could have done so with great ease. Surveillance's role as a deterrence for 'less hard-core' activists is often more important than the information gathering itself..

I expect Willy thought that he would escape the confrontation against the veal trade as he lived in a nice big house in the country and is an M.P. for Bristol where there are no animal exports. But...

On Sunday 15th January about 200 people decided to visit Willy's country retreat in Chewton Mendip, Somerset. There was some initial confusion as people weren't too sure which of his numerous properties to visit. However when official government documents were sighted through the window of one of his houses it was reckoned that one would do. While some people played football in front of a line of Police dogs on his nice lawn, others decided to play with his hosepipe, it ended up through an open window. A week and a half later 20 people attended a picket outside Waldegrave's surgery, organised by Bristol CJA Solidarity in support of the port demonstrators. Police prevented the activists from entering the building.

On Friday 3rd February Willy had a day out at St. Werburgh's city farm in Bristol. He was mobbed while enjoying his stroll and forced to hide in the community building. Unfortunately for him, he only has one security guard and one cop for protection. By this point Willy was scared. He turned a funny sort of grey colour. The building was surrounded by shouting protesters for about half an hour. Waldegrave was impotent, able to do nothing but stand and listen. Two riot vans then turned up in an attempt to rescue him. On his way out with his new band of protectors he was nearly punched in the face by one person and was kneed in the bollocks shortly afterwards. His car was blockaded but eventually he fled to his freedom after a long struggle. The next month Waldegrave's surgery was picketed again. This time he had police to protect him. He and his car were still blocked by angry protesters. The Bristol Animal Rights Network have organised a number of demos outside restaurants selling veal and more are to follow.

Yeovil Freedom Network

Orange communications, based in Almondsbury near Bristol, plan to build a network of radio masts for car phones throughout South Somerset to service the A303. Yeovil Freedom Network picketed their office and have been busy leafleting and holding information stalls on the issue. Because Orange rely on a shorter

frequency than Vodafone or Cellnet, their towers have to be situated closer than other masts. 11 such masts (approx.) are planned for South Somerset and neighbouring parts of North and West Dorset. Because of weakened planning legislation, councils have to pay large compensation costs if they oppose applications. Therefore, we are likely to see a proliferation of towers on hills across South Somerset, and elsewhere if/when Orange expand across the country.

Service 80 was a bus service that ran between Yeovil bus station and the two railway stations; Yeovil Penhill and Yeovil Junction. It was jointly funded by Somerset County Council and Dorset County Council. The service has now been withdrawn much to the public's disapproval. Yeovil Freedom Network held a demonstration involving some 35 people against the withdrawal of the service, highlighting increased car use; the dangers of walking the road between Yeovil Junction and Yeovil town (1.25 miles) and the decline of public transport. This was a success the bus route is back!

No Wells "Relief Road"

Somerset County Council are building a £14 million "relief road" through Wells. Though not part of the governments trunk road system this scheme is being heavily opposed. This road comes within 100 yards of a primary school and two playgroups, these will only be a flimsy fence between the road and the kids... so no dan-



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ger there! The road will also trash two school's playing fields, despite a 55% vote against this section of the road by the people of wells. This so called relief road will also increase the number of lorries going through Wells by 500%

Christin Neilson Ltd have now started work on the road. Attempts to build a fence around this part of the road was prevented by protesters and by 300 school kids who left school and chained themselves together. The kids were brutally treated by the security. The protesters arrested have been given restrictive bail conditions severely limiting their ability to take part in actions on site.

2 squats were set up (through one has since been sneakily evicted!). There was a demo on the 25th of August but activists and equipment etc. are urgently needed all the time. The Wells address is in the contact section

Cornwall

Cornwall- legendary hiding place from dissent. This traditional refuge, like all others, is under total attack. Having survived the tin mining, its brief regenerative respite is now almost over as the hordes of roadbuilders turn their greedy eye towards the west. 20,000 new homes will be needed to fulfill future projected growth, (sound familiar?). A mega-port is planned for Penzance, along with a dual carriageway A30 link disguised as an 8 mile 'bypass' of a small village. When all the long outfalls for sewage are finished soon, another obstacle to growth will be out of the way.

If we must have 20,000 new homes, lets fill them with EF!ers, move down here before the all consuming scum do! Cornwall is not a wilderness, but it could be! Forwards to the destruction of the tourist industry! Further info from St.Just Earth First!.

No A30

Further west the government plans to expand the A30 in Devon. There are now 3 road protest sites along the Exeter-Honiton section of the Folkstone-Penzance superhighway, part of the EU 's Trans European Road Network (TERN). The proposed route is 15 miles long- so there is room for plenty more!

Most of the "pre-works" contract is completed with land desecrated and trees murdered. Construction is not expected to start until summer 1996, but there's

plenty of work for us to do. The two original sites at Fairmile and Allercombe are in the path of the proposed road, and both are protecting beautiful trees and land. Walkway and treehouse construction, barricading, vegetable growing and all the usual aspects of protest camp life are daily activities (even washing up!). There is a floating population of around 40 with most people at the two Fairmile sites, and less at the vegan bender community at Allercombe. An office is just being opened in nearby Ottery St.Mary, and if the sight and sound of grey men and suits doesn't provoke you to violence, people are needed to attend the ongoing public enquiry for the next section of the road at Yarcombe village hall (Transport provided from Honiton). Direct actions are as and when our imaginations and numbers coincide, to date including: Weekly actions against the destroyers/ contractors. A Rooftop demonstration and picnic at the house of pro-road junior agriculture minister Angela Brownings. Carmageddon road blockade's on the existing A30 and an occupation of Highways Agency offices in Exeter (with about 70 people!). Much, much more in the pipeline. The road is being put out to private tender as part of the governments new, and to date unworkable 'Destroy Burn Fell Obliterate, (Design Build Finance and Operate) policy (1). The state don't have the money to build this road, and seem reluctant to spend the money to evict us immediately. So we can take advantage of this time to: Protect the remaining trees, Reassert our occupation of the land, Re-plant what they have destroyed, grow our own food, start a tree nursery, permaculture site, sculpture park, herb garden, healing space, exhibition, ecological education etc., etc., etc., etc. Simply, to make active, campaigning sites where we can live well together, put our ideas into practise and replace their desolation, lies, violence and isolation with love and respect for each other and the earth. Go to the camps and turn your dreams into reality. Exeter are showing that we really are making a difference. Contact: Allercombe -0385 278156, Fairmile- 0385-278157.

- Compiled by Anon, Avon Gorge EF!

(1) Corporate Watch, the research wing of EF! has produced a guide to the contractors involved in DBFO, see Recourses.



London Regional Report



Reclaim the Streets, launched in early '95, exists to act as a catalyst for social revolution, to resist car culture and to end the domination of that representative of global Capitalism- the car. It will act as the London contact for EF! A reclamation of that bastion of consumption; Camden High street began what promises to be a long, hot summer of discontent. On Sunday 14th of May around 1.30 two respectful old bangers entered the high street and to the astonishment of passing shoppers ceremoniously piled into each other- CRASH! This was followed by 30 radical peds rushing into the street and jumping onto said bangers, continuing trampoline like...tyres were slashed, decoration added in the form of flying paint and a rather large banner unfurled a top, proclaiming ' Kill the Car, free the City: RECLAIM THE STREETS' thus commenced the sister of all street parties.

An instant cafe was set up distributing free food to all and sundry, rainbow carpets unrolled, smothering the tarmac, and a host of alternative street decor inform-

ing all of the 'changed priorities ahead' put into action. A plethora of entertainment followed including live music, fire breathing, juggling, and uni-cycling displays, and the rinky dink bike powered sound system. the police admitted 'fete accompli' and the eco-rave rolled on till 6.30 when as smoothly as began the party 'vanished' and as the metal machines invaded the street once more the vision remained of what could and will be, of the joys of life without the car and of the power of direct action.

Critical mass, that spontaneous eruption of cycling empowerment showed itself worthy of its name here in the centre of the 'smoke'. After winter numbers of 20-200 people and incidents including one cyclist involuntarily taking a 200 yard ride on a car drivers bonnet, numbers are pushing above 1,500. They assemble to assert their collective selves, in a sight for literally sore eyes (and a respite for sore lungs) swarming into the city, stopping the traffic in its tarmac tracks. The passing pedestrians applaud, the drivers fume and the cops show their

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usual incompetence by doing not much at all.

Last time after completely bicycling parliament square (allegedly joined by a pedal powered Lord who enjoyed himself so much he went around 5 times!), the mass headed off to London cyclists nightmare, park lane, where a much needed cycle crossing complete with cardboard cut-out 'crossing lights' was swiftly installed before continuing. The usual warm discussions with drivers occurred (toot if you support us?) and at least one bicycle found a car taking a liking to its rear wheel! All in all an amazing show of cycling solidarity and a 'breath of fresh air' for London.

Various capitalist baddies have had their offices 'visited' recently by an assortment of activists determined to show that 'destruction is not anonymous', it has an office address'... The British Road Federation, the umbrella group for many of those working together to trash the planet was due for such a visit but upon arrival at the meeting place it was found that welcoming committee of dozens of police had been arranged at the BRF building. Being flexible and undogmatic, the protesters sent a small delegation to meet the police there while the rest of us sauntered off to arrive instead.... at the Highways Agency, the glossy front for the Dept of roads. After walking through a locked lobby door, representatives were dispatched to various parts of the building. Some found themselves on the roof, hanging banners. Others found themselves crashing into computers and a large contingent found themselves 'talking' to Laurie Haynes the chief executive in his office. After much palaver the police escorted our heroes from the building. A few days later the BRF found themselves discussing ecology with some anti-roads in their office while a huge banner hung from their rooftops.....

Wimpey who are trashing Pollock estate were subject to two such visits to their London offices. The first, unexpected by them, resulted in activists launching a take over bid during an executive board meeting. The second found mounted police waiting, but unable to stop a lobby occupation and the usual rooftop demo. Stupid enough to hold their AGM in London Wimpey shareholders including Pollock free Staters covered all the action angles including pertinent questions, rants, banners, and drenching the directors in their own drinking water, while other activists kept the security busy. Total disruption and a fun filled day for all. Except maybe Wimpey.

St Agnes Place, Kennington recently saw the attempted eviction of its then occupiers the Offshore State Circus, tipped off to the bailiffs imminent arrival they, along with assorted MI lers in support took to the rooftops to defend their homes. Not reckoning on much resistance the bailiffs found themselves unable to evict and

after sending in the demolition squad to trash most of the 6 houses, knocked off leaving the defenders in occupation. Found amidst the rubble were national newspaper clippings from 1977 including The Scum which had a large picture captioned, 'The Squatters and the Smasherball', showing squatters sitting on top of those same houses. Over 20 years of successful resistance.

Tufnell Park, N.London recently played host to the spectacular new sport of 'car bouncing'. 50 radical pedestrians gathered to assert the power of the pavement by 'gently bouncing' the tyrannical machine off of them! After 2 such removals the police arrived and announced 'you've made your point, two more and that's it' They soon realised that their real function was re-directing the waiting traffic! In all about 30 illegally parked vehicles were 'bounced' and once again the pavements were safe for passing pushchairs. Coming soon to a street near you...

Shell Oil experienced an extraordinary general meeting on May 18th. Their annual self congratulatory exercise at the QEII centre, Westminster was severely blocked by 100-150 eco- activists protesting against Shells genocidal activities in ogoniland, Nigeria. While representatives enlightened shareholders inside, those gathered on the outside, on the stroke of Big Bens 11 O'Clock, stormed the building completely blocking the lobby area.

Meanwhile others climbed the flagpoles fronting the building ripped down the Shell flags and unveiling a 50 foot banner declaring SHELL MURDERERS. The police ofcourse reacted with their usual display of minimum force, pressure pointing and arm locking all with equality. Soon after two activists climbed onto the centres canopy, with the aid of a parked police van and proceeded to drench a Shell flag in lighter fluid before setting light to it! The Police were dour faced, Shell were extremely pissed off and the protesters were delighted. There were 6 arrests (including Criminal Damage) but the action was a success and SHELL will continue to receive HELL for their murderous activities.

On May the 5th we experienced what the penalty for hijacking live TV is- possible death. We were invited onto the LWT Richard Littlejohn programme. Littlejohn is a right wing tabloid journalist, and his only reason for asking us onto the show was to set us up to be humiliated. Also present on the programme was Michael Steven, MP for Shoreham. Shocked that his constituency had erupted into mass protests and sometimes all out street fighting with the cops, he has argued that all urban demonstrations should be banned. His campaign surgery has been invaded by anti-CJA protesters in turn. Understanding that it was all a put up job he was patiently ar-

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Rave Against the Machine, 23rd of July

gued against until at a present time we all invaded the stage, we unfurled a banner while two masked activists sprayed Littlejohn with sillystring. He was totally unprepared for such action. After a few seconds the programme was cut to adverts. We then played cat and mouse with the grope 4 guards and eventually we left.

Waiting for us on the forecourt was a squad of riot cops from Kennington TSG, they pulled out their truncheons and started laying into us with them. One activist, Pob, passed out after she was hit on the head, pushed against the wall and then thrown to the ground. She was unconscious for 15 minutes and it was only when she puked up that the police called an ambulance. This sort of brutal policing is not an unusual aspect of Kennington TSG's 'beat'. On the same night Kennington TSG attacked a young black man named Brian Douglas, he received similar injuries to Pob and was treated in the same ward of the hospital as her. He was not so lucky. Two days later he died of the injuries. Another name to add to the hundreds of names of black people killed by British Police. Like those who bound and gagged Joy Gardner, Brian's murderers will probably not be charged with anything. The list of near deaths in the British radical ecological movement is getting quite staggering. Every time something like this happens we must take action. Do not let these events go by without a massive fuss. Remember in the lottery of state murder 'It could be you!'

On Friday the 2nd of June a new group calling itself the 'Revolutionary Pedestrian Front' had its first

action at the launch of the new Alfa Romeo. 'Tonight you will not witness the launch of the new Alfa Romeo, you will witness its demise', one activist declared as flour, stinkbombs and yellow paint flew in all directions. The Rev Peds scarpered but four were arrested. The RPD - coming to a showroom near you?

Hundreds of police hung around various parts of the tube system, it was the 23rd of July- Reclaim the Streets 2. Around 1,500 people caught the tube from the meeting place at Kings Cross to Islington High Street. They swarmed across the dual carriageway as five 25ft tripods were erected blocking all the access roads. Half a ton of sand was dumped on the tarmac for kids of all ages to build sand castles with. An Armoured Personnel Carrier blasting out rave set up, fire hydrants were opened up- spraying the ravers dancing in the sunshine. In this case at least, on top of the cobblestones was the beach. All the cops could do was stand to the side and sweat. The raging festivities lasted for 6 hours, remarkably the sound system wasn't impounded. By around 7.30 most people had gone home or off to another gathering in Hyde Park, the police took advantage of the lack of numbers truncheon charging those who remained. HOW MANY were arrested and HOW MANY were injured. If you witnessed any arrests or police violence contact us. Our exploding creativity had blocked one of the machines main arteries. This was the largest single radical ecological action in this country EVER!

- Anon London regional reporter, c/o Reclaim the Streets



Do or Die carries no article on the M11 this issue. This reason for this is that Dead Trees will be publishing a pamphlet 'Boom Creation: A History & Analysis of the Campaign against the M11 link' just after Christmas.

Be' Si'n Bod Yn Gymru?

.....or what's going on in Wales?

The South Wales valleys are one of the most deprived areas in Western Europe. Living standards are officially the lowest in Britain. These communities were created by 19th century Capitalism's dash for growth. Industry needed coal and South Wales was the place to get it. A massive population boom occurred as labour was brought in from surrounding rural areas and from further afield. These new communities were treated like shit and a fine tradition of resistance to their industrial masters began. The last major attempts at insurrection in mainland "Britain" happened in the Valleys, the Merthyr and Newport risings being the most famous rebellions. As late as the 1920s and '30s troops and tanks had to be sent in to quieten the population. The Great Strike in the '80s saw troops on the streets of South Wales again, albeit in Cops' uniforms. (1)

Now, however, the mines are gone. The people and communities created have been dumped and left to rot in barren concrete estates and collapsing terraces surrounded by the devastation of the Industrial Revolution. Pollution from the disused Pits has poisoned the rivers that carved the valleys & the mountains.

Although deep mining has past it sell by date as far as British Capitalism is concerned some bold entrepreneurs have realised that there is a "cheap" way of wringing the last few pennies of profit from the coal fields. If you can't mine down to the coal why not just tear off the earth's surface leaving the coal exposed? Open cast. Open cast for coal, and while you're at it why not open

cast for clay or road stone too?

The disastrous effects are not subtle. 100s of acres are ripped away for every quarry. The life that once lived there is ripped away with it. Villages are now being surrounded by these giant holes that look like a moonscape on bad acid. Dust from the quarrying is sent into the air and into peoples' lungs. Roads and heavy traffic has increased for ease of access. Centuries

old habitats that somehow made it through the 19th century are finally killed off. Mountain sides are literally disappearing. The locals aren't even offered the bribe of employment, just a new community centre or two, the knowledge that their former bosses still control the land and are "keeping the tradition of coal alive" i.e. still making a nice fat profit out of it. Of course promises are made to put the land back as it was, when the quarrying is finished. Grotesque patchworks of dead and dying grass are now a common sight.

However whilst the ex-managers of British Coal et al and their lackeys on the councils and planning boards keep up the tradition of trashing South Wales the tradition of resistance is being kept up by the communities. Stories of sabotage and broken machinery are not uncommon. The people living in the shadow of the quarries need no lessons from "ecodefense" on monkeywrenching. Unfortunately all too often the main focus of resistance has been the "usual channels"- petitions, lobbying, public enquires, the occasional rally or



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demonstration. Sometimes these tactics have worked, if only temporarily (e.g. Caerffili) but they are usually ignored by those in power. These ultimately futile tactics are used not because of any lack of desire to fight (remember the Miners' Strike was only ten years ago) but because of generations of being shat on by their "representatives" and a general feeling of cynicism and lack of hope.

The resistance at Selar and Cwmtwrch has been welcomed with open arms by the villagers searching for ways to fight back. Whilst not everyone is willing to live in a tree the communities are adopting the protests as their own and are pissed off by repeated media attempts to divide the protests into two camps, between extremist "Eco-warriors" and moderate villagers.

When activists first moved onto the site at Selar and started to build treehouses, benders etc. the local population immediately got involved, or offered help and support where they do anything else. For several weeks the main activity consisted of "fortifying" the site, extending walkways etc., as well as holding an open day where a special kids treehouse/walkway area was set up for local children to play in. Celtic Energy (formerly British Coal Opencast) were helpless as Alaska (the company brought in to rip up the water meadow) were prevented from working.

Eventually Celtic Energy, who had been paying Alaska £400 a day to sit idle, could take no more. The turf removing machines came back accompanied by nearly a dozen vans full of police. After all why pay Group 4 if the cops will do the job? The sight of convoys of riot vans revived unpleasant memories for the community of the virtual police state that the valleys had been during the miners strike. All the feelings of solidarity and rage could be seen returning to the community. The last remaining pit in the coalfield, Tower colliery - now under a form of workers' control, sent help and coal for the protesters. Angry protesters, whose ranks were swelled by those locals who could get there, blocked the road repeatedly, jumped on diggers, harangued the "outside agitators" from Swansea and Cardiff in the blue uniforms (i.e. the police - they did not dare use local police), and did all they could to prevent work from restarting. People leapt out of trees onto moving vehicles (that kept moving), sat in the way of the vans etc. The police got very frustrated with the strength of the resistance they faced. People, including local children, were punched, thrown against barbed wire etc. Over 20 arrests were made. Including some for aggravated trespass. The use of the CJA proved to be a major blow to the protesters as any move towards the machines resulted in arrest. Eventually work restarted surrounded by a solid ring of po-

lice. As the makeshift barricades thrown across the road had failed to stop the diggers more careful work was put in over night in preparation for the next day's assault.

Alaska arrived early the next morning, accompanied by their inseparable bodyguards from the constabulary to be confronted by a vast and complex wooden structure with built in people blocking the way. They also found that the only access road now had a small ravine and stream where a bridge had been the day before. Someone had stayed up all night and pickaxed the bridge!. The barricades were torn down and to avoid the "non-bridge" a JCB tore a new way of access through some oaks forming a hedge. More arrests followed during the day as work got under way again. Protesters tried all sort of methods to stop the destruction. A legal squat was set up in the entrance to the meadows in an attempt to block the diggers - it was torn down. Celtic Energy's HQ. in Aberdare was occupied and the company flag was burnt on the roof. Work struggled on. Eventually after a week Alaska left. They left behind them a half-trashed meadow, they never bothered "relocating" the whole meadow, and about 40 arrests. Those bailed off site at Selar moved to the next valley and set up another camp in way of another of Celtic Energy's opencast sites at Brynhenllys.

During the week the struggle at Selar had been headline news in Wales. Coverage had been o.k. but the media seized every opportunity to try and divide the protesters into two factions. The constant references to "eco-warriors" proving highly annoying. Claims that local people felt that some protesters had gone too far were met with angry phonecalls from both the villagers and people from other valleys who saw the struggle in the Neath valley as their struggle too. One incident that the T.V. tried to use was the ambushing of a Group 4 car. It seems that Group 4 were paying the site a visit to see whether it would be worth their while taking over from the police. However upon their arrival "persons unknown" (but rumour has it a mixture of local kids and some people from the site) surrounded the car, slashing it's tyres and pouring brown paint all over it (rumours that "We'll keep a welcome in the hillsides" was sung are probably untrue!). Eviction notices have been served on both sites but as yet Celtic Energy have yet to work out how the hell they are going to enforce them!

Whilst quarrying at Caerffili has been halted and the trashing of Selar and Brynhenllys are being vigorously resisted there are dozens more planned quarries in the Valleys. There are not enough "professional" activists to initiate direct action at them, we can only hope that we have provided some inspiration to the communities to take control of their own struggles and to resist the

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latest in a long line of attacks on them and the environment that they live in.

Barrage Struggle Goes on

Recently the fight against the construction of the Cardiff Bay Barrage has taken something of a backseat as the emphasis has shifted towards Quarries. Sporadic actions do take place and defaced and damaged billboards belonging to Cardiff Bay Development Corporation are still a common sight. They must be quite nervous about what might happen as the site is now protected by a sweeping searchlight and cameras safely located in the water!

The beginning of 1995 saw a number of actions that sent a few slight jitters up the backs of the barrage builders. Regular (ish) actions were occurring on site that at times managed to delay or even on odd occasions stop preparation work on the beach. Their work structure was forced into taking the tide more carefully into account as activists sat on JCBs and watched the tide come, lapping around their wheels. After this the merest hint of an EF!er would send the diggers scurrying for high ground.

Away from the site, a lecture given by the chair of Associated British Ports to the South Wales Institute of Engineers was turned into a farce as Sir Keith Stewart's knowledge of Cardiff Bay was found to be somewhat lacking by rude hecklers. South Wales Police's (S.W.P. for short, ha ha) knowledge of the law regarding Breach of the Peace was also rather embarrassingly inadequate much to our merriment. eCostain one of the major companies involved had a rough time, not only were they suffering severe financial problems but their Cardiff H.Q was "occupied" by apx. 40 activists who rumour has it decided it would be only fair to ring everyone in eCostain's business contacts and inform them of the situation. A rather worried looking official from Balfour Beatty (the other major company involved) complained to an Earth First!er on the site a few days later that eCostain were a little unhappy about the amount of criminal damage done and that their office wouldn't be able to function properly for weeks. According to Construction News, the cost to eCostain, because of damage caused during the occupation and two break-ins elsewhere in the country, came to tens of millions. eCostain's AGM was also disrupted, van loads of Group 4 trolls (but in posh uniforms) were hired, enough for them to claim "Er, no we're here for our own conference or something". Vans of police were also called because the half a dozen protesters who had taken a dislike to the directors' BMWs, Mercedes etc. weren't taking the couple of police that remained after Group 4 had got in on the act very seriously. The moral of the story? eCostain, who may also be doing Newbury (oops) are shitting it, they are broke



Come & meet the dredgers at Cardiff Bay

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and they are scared - TARGET COSTAIN!

Live Exports - Send the Army in!

There were attempts to send veal calves out to Europe via Swansea Airport. Protesters immediately set up camp. One attempt was made to get the lorry through the gates - this failed. Despite promises made by Igor (Bob Parry) head of the Farmers Union of Wales (a more "militant" rival to the NFU) that it was a legitimate trade and the lorry WOULD get through, it never did. Farmers became increasingly annoyed about the "threat to their livelihood" and held demos of their own. Making all sorts of idle threats about how they would escort the lorries through themselves, they never did - couldn't they be bothered or are they chickenshit? In frustration Igor wailed "The Government has lost control! [If only!] it's time they sent the Army in!" As yet no live exports have been made since then. Rumours were floating around about the farmers plans to buy an airfield but nothing has come of them.

Yr Enfys

Yr Enfys was Cardiff's anti CJA squat/community centre. Although there were problems, particularly towards the end when few EF!ers felt able to help anymore, it had its positive moments. Yr Enfys received some positive coverage and was welcomed by members of the local community, even the owners of the Church that formed the squat gave the project a cautious approval at first. A cafe was (eventually) opened and a regional gathering - "Severn Seas" was a great success. Yr Enfys has now been evicted. By the end of its short life it had lost sight of its original purpose as the various people involved's aims began to diverge. Mistakes were made and hopefully learnt from.

Roads

As yet Wales has not had any major anti-roads campaigns. The A55 in North Wales is as good as finished as is the Second Severn Crossing (SSC). The SSC saw one high profile Greenpeace action, but work was more effectively delayed when workers building it went on strike against the dangerous conditions they were forced to work in, dangerous? - part of the bridge fell down at one stage delaying work perhaps most of all. Protest is building up against the M4 extension across the Gwent Levels and it looks like a major direct action campaign is on the cards there.

Cofiwch Tryweryn

...remember Tryweryn. In 1963 the valley at Tryweryn, near Bala in North Wales, was flooded to make a reservoir to provide water for industry in Liverpool. The village of Capel Celyn was evicted en masse. This kicked off the most violent protests in rural Wales for

centuries. There were mass demonstrations, sabotage and a wave of bombings. The protests saw the birth of the armed groups of the Free Wales Army and the Mudiad Amddiffyn Cymru (movement for the defence of Wales). Nearly a decade of armed struggle followed, first against water pipelines and later against the British State in general and the investiture of Charles Windsor as "Prince of Wales". It was recently announced that Welsh Water were thinking of extending the reservoir, however as the story spread and people geared up to oppose them it seems that Welsh Water remembered their history and backed for fear of "protest". However it is possible that they may just extend a different reservoir and flood yet more of rural Wales to power industry. Yr Eyri is, one of the wildest and most beautiful places on this island, we cannot let it be trashed anymore. If any plans are announced it is hoped that a direct action campaign can be launched - contact Cardiff EF! for more info.

Free Sion Aubrey

Sion Aubrey Roberts is a Welsh political prisoner. He was framed in the late 1980s to hide police/MI5 embarrassment that they could not catch anyone involved in Meibion Glyndwr (2). Several other attempted frame ups had gone wrong and the state really wanted to scapegoat someone. Sion is in jail in England and has reportedly had hassle from fascists who found themselves in the same nick as the "Welsh IRA". Despite Sion first language being Welsh he is not allowed to be sent Welsh language videos etc. With the "Saoirse" campaign to free Irish political prisoners gathering momentum it is important that we do not forget all the other prisoners inside for fighting back or because of frame ups. Sion is important because the State is trying to isolate and intimidate him by using his language and his culture. Imagine being thrown in a foreign jail where you could hardly speak the language, could get few visitors and were prevented from receiving "normal privileges" simply because of your language. That is why we cannot allow Sion to be forgotten.

Write to Sion at: Sion Aubrey Roberts, BJ3795, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York, England.

No Justice No Peace!

A young, black Cardiff man called Mark Harris was murdered by the police in Trinity police station, Bristol. The same police station that some of the arrested from Solsbury Hill have been taken to. He was arrested under SUS. Precisely what the CJA has re-legitimised. SUS means that the cops can arrest you because they suspect you of a criminal offence, i.e. because your face doesn't fit. Because you are black, Irish, a traveller, a "known politico", scruffy, or simply in the wrong area. SUS kicked off the riots of 1981 because black kids were

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harassed by the cops. The CJA has allowed to happen all over again. Paul Condon has justified mass harassment of black kids by saying that the majority of muggers are black. The campaign by Mark Harris's family and friends has been the subject of intense intimidation by the police. Mark's brother, Paul and his girlfriend have been arrested and assaulted and people from the campaign doing stalls have had loads of hassle from the cops. Maybe people from Green Anarchist know what I'm talking about? The CJA is law and it is being USED. At Selar people were charged with aggravated trespass, SUS is back in action. Get involved in fighting police harassment because we're all in this together.

Monkeywrench A Fascist!

Anyone who came to Severn Seas might have noticed on the night of the party a bunch of very stressed people running around with sticks, Lucazade bottles etc. Cardiff Anti Fascist Action got a little jumpy that night. About 40 Fascists (including heavy bastards from London) had shown up to attack an Anti-Nazi League march, but were put off by the march's size and quite possibly the presence of an AFA block at the back (including heavy bastards from London!). They managed to attack and injure several ANL stragglers afterwards and then moved on to scout out the possibilities of an attack on Yr Enfys. It was noticed that they were keeping the squat under observation so Cardiff AFA got a little worried about the damage 40 tooled up fash could do amongst a crowd of unprepared, happily drugged up revellers. Luckily they must not have fancied attacking what had the illusion (thanks to AFA's frantic efforts) of being a defended squat. Fascists have a problem with EF!. After the eviction of Claremont, protesters still stunned from three days on a roof were attacked by C18. C18 had organised two previous attacks on No- Millers, one attempted firebombing and an attack on a house which left a number of squatters badly injured. During the struggles at Jesmond Dene in '93 the fash threatened activists and Tyne & Wear AFA came and helped protect the camp. In Cardiff we've had our meeting place shot at. So you see why we get a little worried. Still we're not that worried 'cos if our local Nazis had bothered asking we could have told them that airguns don't do that much damage to windows, a half brick would have been much more effective!

Pethau...

...things. Getting media coverage in Wales is piss easy. (whether you want media coverage is a different matter! - that's how grateful we are...). The Welsh media "Taffia" are so desperate to prove to themselves that they are a "national" media that they produce countless documentaries etc. in which we've found ourselves much loved stars. They even covered the story about the protester at

Selar "quirkily known as TWAT".

The Earth First! Action Update is now produced in South Wales, it now comes out monthly and has all the up to date news as it happens. So if you don't get it, get it.

What does the future hold? More quarry stuff - they're planning to extend slate quarrying in North Wales too, more beach actions at the Bay (if you've got a spare boat let us know), stopping the M4, more police harassment and maybe some actions in the mountains...oh yeah, and more fuckin' pollution from Sellafield, Hinkley, Trawsfynydd, Wylfa, Rechem etc. not to mention Chernobyl fallout - still. Ho hum.

No Compromise, mae'n cwl i dorri pethe'!

-Anon, Cardiff EF!

(1) See 'Come wet my truncheon', Dave Douglas.

(2) See issue 3 of DoD for further details.



South-East Report



Squat eviction at Thanet Way, Kent

Originally the birth place of British EF! the South-East has been outshone recently by developments in other regions. However this looks like its changing.

One of the main campaigns in the south-east of late has of course been against live exports. Months of daily direct action by the local community led to the trade being halted at Shoreham, (See 'Shoreham Harbour: Live Exports & Community Defence' in this issue), but since much of the export has moved to Dover protests have not been half as effective. Shoreham's success lay in the fact that the port was right in the middle of the town, at Dover it is at the bottom of the cliffs. Although the Live Export direct action at Shoreham is over, the battle still continues in the courts. Hundreds have been arrested and a number are presently on remand. A revenge action against the Courts and the police was organised and

around 50 turned up. The plan was to blockade the courts in the morning to fuck up the schedule. The police do not like demos being organised against them, and they called in cops from 4 towns under the name Operation Grain (?). The doors to the courts were locked so most of the crowd moved onto the dual carriageway. After a bit of a dance with the cops everyone pretended to disperse while in fact they regrouped down at the McDonalds. It was lunch time and the restaurant was significantly more empty than usual. One twat got arrested after climbing into the cab of a Shell tanker in the traffic jam and allegedly locking himself in. The battles at the port itself are far from over. Shoreham is ranked second or third in the national hierarchy of timber importers. Carrying timber from the Baltic, Scandinavia, Brazil, British Columbia, Russia and many other wildernesses. Shoreham hosts

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Petrol storage bays for BP and Texaco. In protest against oil exploration in Ecuador (and everywhere else), two activists chained up the entrance gates to the Texaco Bay and promptly scarpere. Watching from the road above they were happy to see 5 tankers line up trying to get in and 3 trying to get out. The blockade only lasted for about twenty minutes, (by which time the guard had located a pair of bolt croppers), but was very cost effective- costing South Downs EF! nothing at all. They had cut the chain from a car park. SDEF! are planning a major dock action in the near future-Oct/Nov. This will be a national mobilisation. The Details will be in the October edition of the EF! AU.

In Lewes on WHEN around 100 people gathered to 'reclaim the land'. The land in question was behind Lewes Prison and was used by many for morning strolls, dog walking and picnics. The 'landowner' (may they all burn in hell!), fenced off the land and chased walkers off in his landie. Among the local community there was widespread anger about this so reACTION (supposedly Lewes campaign against the CJA but in reality a revolutionary nucleus without parallel), amassed their forces and with a large dollop of Justice? activists marched on to the land. While people sat in the sun picnicking others spent the next 4 hours cutting down vast swaths of the fencing. The fence posts were gathered together and set on fire. A police helicopter hovered over head, (supposedly looking for a lost cyclist), and eventually 3 police waddled up the hill. Accusing the crowd of criminal damage they were surrounded and informed that it had all be carried out by giant purple moles. With a ratio of over 30-1 they didn't make any trouble. After vowing he would put up the fences the next day, the 'landowner' has yet to dare-3 months later.

Critical Mass has hit the South Downs. Masses are now held in Brighton, Lewes and Hastings. The organisers of the Brighton CM's, SDEF!, were more surprised than anyone when over one hundred turned up to the first one. As the cyclists and skaters were going at walking speed the transport system of central Brighton ground to a halt. Amazed shoppers and tourists observed the disappearance of cars and an invasion of whooping cyclists. Viva La Revolution! The Police tried pathetically to intervene by putting their cars across the road-Starsky and Hutch style- but apart from 5 arrests the Mass just cycled around them. At the end the Mass converged around the cop shop and some cyclists even drove through the Foyer. After 20 minutes of hanging around occasionally chanting 'release the prisoners' the prisoners were released. The police haven't dared to show their faces at subsequent Masses, (which by the third reached over 300), except for arresting one cyclist after the end of the

3rd mass. In Lewes (a much smaller town) things have been rather different with a fewer arrests and numbers averaging out at just over a dozen. Numbers have been the same in Hastings but so far there have been no arrests

Primed to be the next Twyford, (let's make it the next Oxlees), the campaign against the Newbury by-pass has set up two camps and is growing. This road will destroy three Sites of Special Scientific Interest, an AONB and herds of rare wildflower species populations. Local campaigners scout the entire route every morning before work and over 1,000 have pledged to get in front of the bulldozers. The British Road Federation have chosen it as their set piece battle with anti-roads and as usual have been spewing mininformation from every orifice. Their campaign has succeeded in turning many locals against us, but many others are actively involved in the resistance. Though the contractor is not yet known bets are on Costain, (contractor for the Cardiff Barrage), and the campaign is asking for solidarity actions at their offices & sites. In a surprise attack on the 2nd of August demolition contractors destroyed five houses. It is essential that we stop this road and not just because of the threatened ecology. This campaign could be a massive show of our strength or a massive show of our weakness. We must send a clear message to the road lobby- even in the torrie heartlands we can still kick your ass. Contact the local group 'The Third Battle of Newbury' and get down their. Their address is at the back of this issue.

Not only is Cissbury Hill fort under threat from the "M27 Honiton-Folkestone Trans Highway", so is the north of Worthing. Alliance & Leicester Building Society is hoping to build a private dual carriageway through a residential area taking down trees and spaces; it will be fought for. We're STILL waiting for a decision on the A27/M27 "by-pass" to be made, we expect the decision by the end of the year. Contact Worthing EF!

If we don't want cars on the road we sure as damn don't want them on the downs. With this in mind reACTION organised an action against the Sussex leg of the Eorochallenge Onyx Championship on August the 19th. 136 4 wheel drive offroaders intent on ripping the downs to shreds were confronted by around 50 activists from Lewes & Brighton. Route flags were pulled out, the racetrack was invaded and a gate was blockaded. This stopped them accessing half of their track. Some drivers had come all the way from France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. A crowd shouting scum at them on the finish line was not to their liking. With their racing ruined and half of the area due to be destroyed saved they packed up, not even bothering to return for the second day.

Regional ROUNDED

After two years of legal wrangling East Grinstead Town Council voted overwhelmingly to build the East Grinstead Bypass through Ashdown Forest and as part of the same project build around 1,000 new homes. The road will go through some of the places (100 acre wood etc.) immortalised in AA. Milnes Pooh Bear books and the storm is rising. Locals (including councillors) have declared 'We will go under the bulldozers' and it looks like its going to be all kicking off in Commutersville. For more info contact South Downs EF!

The CJA has woken up the traditionally lethargic alternative culture of Brighton (Herbal tea anyone?) and there has been a number of high profile squats. Late last year an old Registrars Office was squatted (marble arches and all), followed by a Church, an empty Kebab shop, an empty Jeans shop and finally the council's abandoned Brighton Housing Advice Centre- renamed the Brighton Squatting Advice Centre. Free raves in empty supermarkets and on the downs have been happening every couple of weeks. Being one of the most organised (Ha!) Anti-CJA groups in the country, and authors of the Weekly sshNEWS Justice? has already had its fair share of publicity. The most recent squat has been - A Pier. The dilapidated west pier, which is no longer connected to the land, was squatted (independent of justice?) by a community who swam out after being evicted from the beach huts they had been living in. Brighton woke up to see one of its major landmarks taken over by squatters with banners proclaiming 'We'll give you your pier back, when you give us our houses back!' and 'Anarchy- Don't you think it's time for social change!'. The owners, the West Pier Trust have announced that they do not intent to evict. The question begs asking of course- how the fuck could they evict a falling apart metal island anyway! Down in Southampton a Hotel was squatted by 'Solent Spanners', this lasted considerably longer than most of the Justice? squats. In Hastings a 'community arts and action centre' was opened up but was evicted after a couple of weeks, and in Lewes reACTION have organised two squats. The temporary tendency of most of these was sometimes a problem, but also it has been their greatest strength. Not existing long enough to fall into a quagmire of inaction, they have been characterised by an explosive exuberance unparalleled in the squat scene for many years. Those people who have come together in the squats have become a family and after the squats are evicted the community lives on.

Yet another road scheme is destroying the ecology of the S-East, but not without resistance. The A299 road at Thanet Way has been plagued by regular direct action since it started in May. Three squats were taken (including the site office!) but all were evicted on the 21st

of July when they were visited by 100 London police with cherrypickers and an army of security guards. So far 43 activists have been arrested, many under the CJA. A wood has also been occupied and its eviction is imminent. On August the 10th a party was organised around the site. The police reaction was predictable; police road blocks were put up and ravers were swept out of the area. Many had to take refuge up trees to avoid the cops. Contact 'The Blue Route Action Group'- see contacts in the back pages.

"Hundreds of years ago you had animals like bison, boar, wild horses, deer and oxen crashing around in the woods, making natural clearings and creating glades and scrub areas through grazing. If we reintroduced some of those species we could allow the land to revert to woodland and let them do the rest." (Brighton Leader, 8.6.95) No this isn't a raving Earth First!er, but Tony Whitbred of the Sussex Wildlife Trust. They are seriously talking about re-wilding a 25,000 hectare chunk of the South Downs. They believe, in direct opposition to most UK conservationists, that the best way to protect ecosystems and their biodiversity is to let them grow sufficiently large, so that they can regulate themselves. For economic reasons large areas of the sussex countryside are being taken out of production and it looks like the wilderness could return to the Downs. Unfortunately they haven't as yet announced any intention to join SDEF!'s campaign to simultaneously ban cars and reintroduce wolves into towns and cities.

-Anon, South Downs EF!



Meet liberal Sussex cops



All over the world people are fighting back. In this issue alone stories of resistance are heard from Australia, Russia, Canada, Poland, France, the Solomon Islands, Bougainville, Mexico, America, Germany, Eire, the Czech Republic, Italy, India, Norway and Holland. Reading these accounts two things strike you immediately.

Firstly, we are not alone - we are part of a movement that spans the globe. Whether your barricading a house, stealing some food from your local mega-store, locked on to a bulldozer, or for that matter trashing the damned things, you can be certain that in numerous places around the globe, people are doing exactly the same. Wherever there is oppression, exploitation and destruction there is resistance.

The second thing that strikes you is that whenever we take back land to defend it, there's always a seemingly endless supply of men & women in uniforms who, under orders from the state or the companies, will happily bludgeon us, destroy our homes, throw us in the clink and/or kill us. The financial interests that now undermine the life support systems of the earth and make our lives increasingly miserable work internationally-so should we.

Let's start talking and acting with our brothers and sisters around the world. By communicating with activists in other countries we can realise the strengths and weaknesses of our own tactics and ideas. As a movement, let us not be tied to national boundaries, after all the earth recognises no such borders. By realising ourselves internationally we can start to be a serious threat to the system.

BURNING DIGGERS IN THE SOLOMONS

Last year a government came to power in the Solomon Islands, (just across the water from Bougainville and Papua New Guinea), that was supposedly committed to ending log exports and safeguarding the environment. This year, log exports from the islands are set to double.

Nowhere is the logging more intense than in the Western Province, an archipelago of rainforested islands ringed with clear coral lagoons. Scorned by the government and the Malaysian-owned Golden Spring logging company, villagers in Northern Marova have decided to fight back. Five of the company's bulldozers were set on fire on New Georgia island, causing damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

In southern Marova, the forest in the mountainous interior of Vanguna island has been leased out to the Malaysian logging company

Sylvania (One of the most notorious of all the Malaysian 'timber beasts'). The rivers the people drink from are running with mud that is choking the reefs. According to Ezekiel Padakana, a local tribal, reefs are being irreparably damaged as Sylvania mines live coral to surface its logging roads. Padakana says that if his tribe do not regain their land and if the destruction of reefs and forests do not stop more bulldozers and other company property on Vanguna will go up in smoke!

'RIOTERS RANSACK MCDONALD'S

Hundreds of rioters broke into a McDonald's restaurant, two banks and several shops in the Danish capital, Copenhagen, and smashed their interiors on New Year's Day riots. They emptied the hamburger restaurant's furniture and threw it into a bonfire on the street, police said. Leftwing Anarchists have targeted McDonald's in the past because it

symbolises capitalism and money.

"I've been a fireman for 30 years and I've never seen such vandalism," said Gerald Nilson. "Everything was smashed."

The 400 rioters smashed windows, computers, tables and office equipment in nearby banks and shops. They hurled cobblestones at police dispersing the crowd with tear gas. Since the early 80's, regular clashes have broken out in Copenhagen on January 1st.

-Associated Press

RIPPING UP RAILWAY LINES

'German anti-terrorist police said they suspected anti-nuclear activists were responsible for sabotaging railway lines near Hanover on Monday [12th November], seriously disrupting rail transportation of radioactive waste.'

Source- Reuters

Germany and the Netherlands. In Leiden all travel agencies were bill posted with posters declaring that all flights were cancelled due to the environmental crisis. In Frankfurt all McDonald's toilets were filled with concrete. In Nijmegen some meat industry trucks were sabotaged to draw attention to increased traffic due to long-distance transport of fodder.

FLYING TV'S IN BOMBAY

In Bombay families have taken to heaving their TV's out of their windows, burning them or simply hacking them to splinters of glass and plastic.

"Destroying the television is sweeter revenge than jumping channels or just switching off," said Safira Ali Mohammed, one of the first to rebel. "One night I and my husband and my two children went to the bedroom, disconnected the wires and carried our television to the edge of the window. All of us pushed it out of the window together. Since we live on the third floor there was a tremendous crashing sound. We set the trend for throwing out the televisions and many followed!"

918+ARRESTED AT ANTI-EU DEMOS

In mid December 94 the government leaders of the European Union countries met in Essen. To counter this an anti-EU summit was organised which was planned to culminate in a mass demonstration. Fearing a repeat of the '91 anti-G7 demonstrations in Bonn, the government banned the demonstration at the last minute. By this time over 1000 people had arrived in Essen to participate in the counter summit, which was organised by a broad coalition from the

green party to autonomen. The Friday before the demo the town was already dominated by an amazing amount of police, who routinely stopped and searched cars on the motorway and in the urban streets, pedestrians and even people in buses and trams.

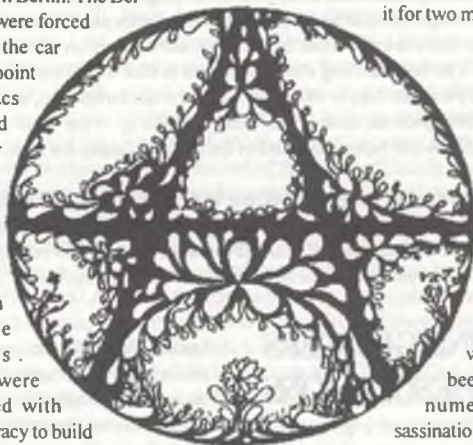
On the Friday night police stopped in pseudo-military fashion a car from Berlin. The Berliners were forced out of the car at gunpoint and sacs pulled over their heads before being taken to the cells. They were charged with conspiracy to build Molotov Cocktails, because the cops found bottles of mineral water, an oil canister and a toilet roll in the boot of the car.

On the day of the demo 3,000 people ignored the ban and tried to take action in various locations around the city. The police appeared almost immediately at nearly all locations and surrounded the protesters.

Those encircled by the cops were quick-cuffed, put into buses rented from the city bus company and driven to a police school where they were processed; details, fingerprints, photos etc. All together 16 buses brought people to the school, 75 people fitted in each bus. In the evening all those arrested were released. The police announced that they had captured 918 people. This arrest count is a post war German record.

During the police operation

many people were badly beaten up. Eye-witnesses reported that a foreigner was punched and kicked by five policemen who then dragged him along to a wall, he was already unconscious. Here 10 cops carried on attacking him. As is usual in these situations immigrants were picked out for special treatment. Their details were taken and they were bused out of the city and banished from it for two months.



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The explosives genius who has been behind numerous assassinations of leading scientists and industrialists over the last 17 years has written to the New York Times outlining his anarchist beliefs and offering to end his bombing campaign if the newspaper publishes, unedited, a long article by himself on the state of the earth and the need for revolutionary change. The Unabomber, on whom the FBI admits they have no leads after 17 years of investigation, is believed to have sent the device which killed a leading timber industry lobbyist in Sacramento, California, on the 24th of April. He wrote to the newspaper the day before and said his ultimate goal was "the destruction of the world-wide industrial system".

VALLEE D'ASPE

Resistance to the construction of the road through the Vallee D'Aspe in France, (see previous issues of DoD), shows no sign of abating.

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Countless incidents of bulldozer diving, site occupations and the like have led the builders to take extreme measures. Once our campaigns become effective the state is forced to 'pull its fist of iron from its velvet glove' - on at least two occasions the machine gun touting Presidential Guards have tear gassed crowds attempting to take over the site. Last August just the threat of an action led the authorities to remove all machinery for fear it might get petrol bombed. Their fear became a reality a few weeks later when 8 machines spontaneously combusted. In retaliation the police raided the protest centre, 'La Goutte d'Eau', but no evidence was found to convict any activists. Many British EF!ers have made their way over in the last year and helped to defend this

important area from destruction. One Stroud EF! activist came away with a souvenir gas canister which only just missed his head!

Oxford EF! have made a video about the campaign, it lacks coverage of the resistance but gives an overview of the issues behind the campaign. Seeing the mountainous woodlands makes one understand why people are prepared to defend this place to the last.

For more information contact: CSAVA, La Goutte d'Eau, F-64490, Cete-Eygun. Tel. 59 34 78 83, fax. 59 34 53 18.

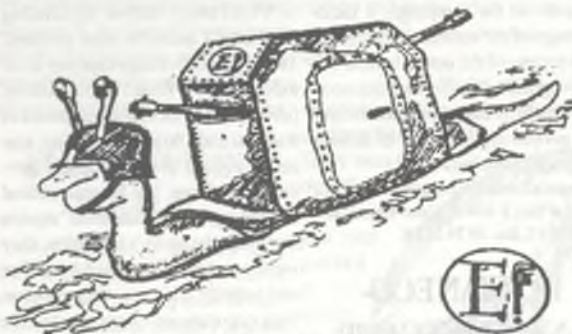
RUSSIAN ECO- ANARCHIST CAMP TRASHED

On July 6th police in Cherpovets, Russia, destroyed a camp set up by eco-activists and @narchists who were fighting against Cherpovets Metallurgic Enterprises, (AO SEVERSTAL). Before obliterating the camp 5 activists were arrested. Two received five days in prison while the others were fined 100,000 Rubles, (about £30). The camp composed of Russian and Ukranian activists, was set up outside the Enterprises' government offices. The Russian radical ecologist group 'Ecodefense!' reports that since the camp's inception, they were constantly harassed by police and security. This year they are planning occupations of gas plants. The presence of Westerners can usually lower the state violence, so if you fancy a change of scenery you know



A Palastinian attempts to stop the demolition of his village for the construction of a Dam.

ЭКОЗАЩИТА!



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Translates from Russian as 'Ecodefence! No Compromise in Defence of Mother Earth!'

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AUSSIELOGGING EQUIPMENTSABBED

\$100,000 worth of damage was inflicted on a bulldozer and a loader located at the Dampier State Forest, New South Wales, Australia. Employees of logging contractor Philip Mathie arrived for work 20km into the forest to find a beautiful scene. Holes were speared in the vehicle radiators and fuel lines, electrical wires and hydraulic hoses were cut, and gear levers wrecked. Mud and water had been poured into the engine.

Intensive protest to protect

the area's forests began in 1989 and more than 1,000 people were arrested trying to halt the chainsaws in the following two years.

ACTION NEEDED- AUSTRALIAN FORESTS UNDER FURTHER THREAT

Due to increasing public anger environmentalists expected this year's logging licenses to have been reduced. In fact they have been INCREASED. 1995 licenses will lead to the export of over 6 million tonnes of woodchips to Japan and the destruction of tropical, subtropi-

cal and temperate forest in Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. Action camps are being set up to blockade the building of logging roads into pristine areas, the first being at the old growth karri forest known as Sharpe Block in W. Australia. Actions at Embassies etc would be of great help.

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AUSTRALIAN ZAPATISTA SOLIDARITY

On February the 28th activists from Earth First!, Native Forest Network Melbourne, Industrial Workers of the World, and the Barricade Collective occupied for two hours the Mexican Consulate in Melbourne, Australia. The occupation was organised to support the indigenous communities in the Sierra Madres and the Zapatista army in Chiapas.

Activists negotiated exit without arrest after being swamped by cops. In a 15 minute conversation between Anthony Amis from Native Forest Network Melbourne and Ambassador Enrique Buj Flores the Ambassador was told that if the situation in Chiapas and the Sierra Madres worsens, activists in Australia will be further demonstrating at Mexican embassies, consulates and trade organizations. "The Mexican Government will not be pressured by any group," Flores stated. Ha Ha!

'WE ARE LIKE THE PLANTS: WE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT THE

EARTH WITHOUT OUR LAND'

Two hundred and fifty Guarani-Kaiowa indigenous people in Jaguapire, Brazil, have threatened to kill themselves in a collective suicide if they are forced once again off their legally recognized territory. Ranchers from the area are waiting for a decision from the state court in an attempt to achieve the final legal expulsion of the indigenous. Marta Silva Vito Guarani of the Kaguatoca Association for Displaced Indians said: "The cattle ranchers always win in the courts, while they violate the rights of the Indians on the land. We are like the plants: We cannot live without the earth, without our land. More than 7,000 Indians are working in the coal mines, and in the sugar cane processing plants. They are living in slavery. This is the integration that white society offers us. But we are Indians, the original owners of this

land, and we cannot accept this humiliating and inhuman situation."

The Guarani have consistently waged battle to defend their lands, but with the indigenous territory halved in the last decade, many have decided to end their lives on this unjust pillaged earth. If the court decision goes the ranchers way, then the community of Jaguapire have declared that they have "decided to die before abandoning Jaguapire."

Brazilian groups are requesting that we use international pressure to force Judge Rotto to rule in favour of the Guarani. Write to: Exmo. SR., Dr. Pedro Rotto, Tribunal Regional Federal da 3a Regiao, Rua Libera Badaro, no. 39 Centro, 01009-000 Sao Paula, SP, Brazil.

For more info contact: Amanaka's Amazon Network, 584 Broadway #814, NY, NY 10012, US (See Love & Rage Jan/Feb 95)

ACTIVISTS FACE JAIL

Turkish greens are facing prison sentences of 1.5-3 years for an Anti Nuclear action in Turkey on November 11, at which they held banners outside the main electricity board office. Ecological protests are very new for the Turkish officials and as you might know, every opposition is being attacked in Turkey, (See DoD 4, p19). The first part of the trial was on February 16, but nothing was decided. We must show solidarity with our comrades in Turkey. Further info-GreenPeace

TURKISH ECO-



Street battles to defend the Squat zone in Milan, Italy

Report from Across the Atlantic

by *Orin Langelles, Native Forest Network*

Solidarity and greetings from the USA; stolen land from the invasion and occupation that started 503 years ago.

The farce of so-called democracy in this country has taken a further swing toward perfecting fascism with the installation of a right-wing Republican majority party. The "liberal" Democratic jokes lost control of both the House and Senate in the past November elections, leaving their figurehead Clinton as El Presidente. Clinton's leadership has already pushed and gotten approval for an insidious Crime Bill (more prisons and cops on the street) and GATT (Gangster's Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). GATT furthers the New World Order with the multinationals and their puppet governments here and elsewhere.

It doesn't matter who people vote for as its business as usual—same shit, same pile, sieg heil! More cops on the street hasn't stopped violent crime. Not long ago a nut case pro-lifer, allegedly John C. Salvi III, let loose semi-automatic gunfire at two abortion clinics in the Boston area, killing two and wounding five women. He was captured the next day ready to wreak carnage at another women's clinic. Salvi says if he is convicted he wants the death penalty and if he is freed he wants to become a Catholic priest.

On the other end of the spec-

trum, a good guy who was on the FBI's Most Wanted list, suspected ALF activist and Earth defender Rod Coronado was captured while working for an indigenous community in the southwestern US. Coronado is now out on bail but has to wear an

electronic monitoring device on his ankle so the authorities always know his whereabouts. [ed.-see prisoner page]

More positively, from south of the border, the EZLN (Zapatista Army of National Liberation) retook



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over 39 municipalities in the Mexican State of Chiapas before Christmas. The indigenous uprising in Chiapas is a struggle by the people to take back their lives, their power and their land from the multinationals and land 'owners'. [ed-See articles and communiqués from the EZLN in DoD 4.]

Cecilia Rodriguez, from the National Commission for Democracy in Mexico and US representative for the EZLN, was the keynote speaker at the Second International Temperate Forest Conference hosted by the Native Forest Network (NFN). This conference held in Missoula, Montana, brought together 500 activists to the theme of "Focus on the Multinationals." Representatives from the US, Canada, UK, Russia, South Korea, Australia and other countries, participated along with many different indigenous First Nations. It was recognized that the multinationals operate globally to gobble up the remaining "resources" without regard to the health of ecosystems or to the people who are effected by transnational industrial civilization. It was a time of sadness to hear the international reports concerning the destruction of our Earth, but it was also a time for reinvigoration to carry on with the necessary campaigns when people returned to their prospective communities.

Here in capitalist consumer country, many campaigns are taking place. Here's a small sampler:

Immediately after the Earth First! Round River Rendezvous (RRR) held on the east coast last summer, the largest post RRR arrests in EF! history occurred. Fifty-nine people were apprehended while the Watts Bar Nuclear Facility was shut down by the protesters. It was an ironic twist that the arrestees appeared before the judge in the Rhea County Courthouse in Dayton, Tennessee. In 1925 the same courthouse

was the scene of the famous "Scopes (or 'Monkey') Trial." Scopes, a high school teacher, was tried and convicted for teaching the theory of evolution.

Out west in the Wild Rockies, activists had a brief respite last summer as a court injunction stopped roadbuilding and logging in the Cove/Mallard timber sale area. For the past two years prior to this summer, the Cove/Mallard area was a hotbed of civil disobedience which resulted in many arrests and lawsuits leveled against the activists. What's at stake here is the largest roadless area in the lower 48 states. Unfortunately, that same injunction was lifted on 5 December. The state of Idaho (where Cove/Mallard is located) has recently passed a law prohibiting logging protests or the encouragement of people to come to Idaho for anti-logging activity. This summer activists didn't heed the state's advice and have to be out in full force to protect this wild ecosystem from the chainsaw.

Judi Bari assures everyone that protests will soon be in full swing in defense of the redwoods in northern California. Her lawsuit against the FBI concerning the bombing of her and Darryl Cherney in 1990 is making headway. It appears that the feds may be caught with their pants down.

Our Eastern North American Resource Center here in Burlington, Vermont, has been continuing the on-going campaign against the Quebec (Canada) utility Hydro-Quebec (HQ). The largest wilderness area in eastern North America and home to the indigenous Cree, Inuit and Innu is in jeopardy due to the hydroelectric dam(n) projects that HQ has dreamt up.

Last summer the NFN, along with the Innu Support Committee, helped organize a contingent of international observers who took part

in a traditional Innu Peace camp which blockaded an HQ access road to the St. Marguerite 3 Project. The blockade and Peace Camp lasted 17 days before being overrun by provincial police and HQ private police forces.

Starting this year off right, we had a demonstration in Vermont's State House, playing havoc with the festivities of the state of the state address and inauguration of gov Howard Dean. Vermont buys electricity from HQ and we were there to tell our white rich politicians that the people don't want electricity from the likes of HQ.

Besides getting in the way of fool's progress, the radical environmental movement here in the states is always looking for better ways to subvert the dominant paradigm. One of the things that seem to be prevalent on the minds of the revolutionary ecologist folks whose circles I interact with is, "How do we educate the average person to understand our points of view?"

It's not an easy task with the brainwashing techniques employed by the corporate state. Mindless television. Shallow yellow journalism. Buy. Buy. Buy! The New World Odor of the day. If anyone out there has the answer, please let us know. Until the next time: Organize. Educate. Agitate. Oh yeah, and fuck the criminal justice act!

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The ALARM (a voice of revolutionary ecology) Women's Issue now out, available from Dead Trees EF!

VANCOUVER EARTH FIRST! NEWS

Ed.note. Vancouver is part of British Columbia, Canada. The area has a long tradition of ecological resistance. Most of what is called British Columbia is land beyond the treaty boundary. Land which was and continues to be taken by force from the native peoples and given to the multinationals. For the tribals of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation ecocide = Genocide. For the past 12 years a concerted campaign of resistance has included road blockades, tree sits, land occupations, marine blockades, tree spiking (24,000 in one stretch alone), bridge burning, digger burning, numerous imprisonments, boat sinking etc. This campaign has been waged jointly by native peoples and groups like EF! Hundreds were arrested last year defending the old growth forests. The campaign has been taken to Britain with numerous actions such as mill closures, supermarkets actions, office occupations and dock actions. (A good text to read is 'Stop Destroying Native Lands: Corporate Scum Get The Fuck Out!', by Terra Prima!, available from Dead Trees EF!).

Burns Bog is the largest remaining green space in greater Vancouver. It is a 'domed bog' with moss up to 4 feet deep. Some of the critters who make it their home are black bears, cougars, coyotes, beavers, and carnivorous plants which are normally not found so far North. The small scrubby trees in the bog are hundreds of years old.

But it's the same old story: Burns Bog is threatened by corporate intrusion. Firstly, it is the main garbage dump for Vancouver. It's technically illegal to dump on unsteady ground, but somehow it is allowed in the bog, since the dump is so old and long established. The second threat to the bog comes from a proposal for a golf course which includes a road into a hitherto inaccessible and roadless area. Ocean Spray Cranberries could also be damaging the delicate ecosystem, as they gather their berries from the wild Cranberry plants found there. Probably the only real way to protect Burns Bog is for British Columbia's provincial government to apply a 'protected area strategy'.

We are fighting for its protection. As well as putting pressure on the government by doing our own

research on the diversity of this fragile ecosystem, we are also doing actions. We parked a truck in the driveway to the dump, pretending it was broken down. A huge 18-wheeler dump truck stopped to see what was going on, and as they did, 2 Earth First!ers locked down to the truck. As 50-60 trucks and cars normally enter the dump each hour, this caused quite a disturbance. There were garbage trucks backed up for miles. The road is too narrow for them to turn around. 10 people were arrested, 6 let free, 4 with later trials. We are also hanging banners about Burns Bog by highways.

Other actions include protesting raw log exports by climbing the crane of a large loading boat. 2 people climbed and hung an EF! banner. The sad part is they are facing up to 6 months jail. As we have no laws as horrendous as the CJA this comes as quite a shock.

Members of Friends of the Wolf B.C. and Vancouver EF! did a hunger strike. We striked and had a booth and huge banner on the lawn of the provincial legislature in Victoria for 9 days. Though the wolves are still being poisoned, we got good

media attention, and tons of support (including financial) from the public.

Vancouver EF!ers include and work with members of Friends of the Wolf and a newish animal rights group, Animal Allies. This has been wonderful, as there just aren't enough activists for us not to work together! As a result, we are growing very quickly both in numbers and in strength. Many other actions have not been described in this letter, including a lock down to the doors of the Ministry of Environment, that stopped their workers from entering the building. At that action we also hung dead animals from a post to show passers by what the poison the government uses to kill wolves does to all critters. We'll keep in touch. Feel Free to Contact us.

With love & Support

-Vancouver Earth First!

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ANATOPIA

ANARCHY & MERCEDES IN GERMANY



Since 4/7/91 the site where a gigantic Test track (12 kilometres long, 3 km wide) was planned by the Mercedes company was squatted by youth. They built a village in the moor landscape to protect it and all its rare plants and animals against the diggers. But this protest should be understood as a kind of resistance against all forms of exploitation and as an attempt to live an alternative lifestyle. In 20 caravans and huts built from the garbage of society lived a mixture of very different people coming from all over, different ages, visions of life and protest, and different animals, supported by many guests, friends and travellers. They promoted an autonomous struggle for the survival of the moor, and for the quality of life under absolutely simple con-

ditions (e.g. no electricity, no water taps, no cars, low consumption, using stoves, etc). They cooked together, shared many things and led a vegan lifestyle. The squatters had a lot to do in their village, with visitors and with themselves. Moreover there was a lot of work to draw public attention to their anti-Mercedes protest, to get money and to support other groups, projects and movements. A small field was cultivated at a farm near the camp. There was a good sorted Infoshop to spread repressed information and make communication possible.

At the beginning of this year, Anatopia was evicted, and solidarity actions took place all over Germany. A rough chronology of events leading up to the eviction and after-

wards follows:

6/10/94: The last council meeting to evict Anatopia, in Papenburg, was loudly disturbed, involving fights with the police.

11/11/94: The final date for a voluntary abandonment of the site is settled by the regional government.

19/11/94: A rally is held in Papenburg with more than 100 participants. A big Mercedes sign is burnt symbolically.

A small demonstration takes place in Berlin.

End of November: Rally against Mercedes in Stuttgart.

11/12/94: An incendiary bomb goes off under a fat Mercedes car in Bremen.

13/12/94: Unknown people pour con-

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crete into the office of the Green Party in Hannover. The Green Party is responsible in that the land was sold to Mercedes while they were part of the regional government in Lower Saxonia.

Others burned a big Mercedes sign at the market-place in Hannover.

17/12/94: A Mercedes establishment is hit in Hannover; 2 cars are burned, causing more than £30,000 of damage.

4/1/95: 15 masked people smashed windows and cars in a Mercedes establishment - they painted "If eviction then war". £20,000 of damage in Hamburg.

6/1/95: 15 masked people painted slogans for Anatopia in Oldenburg, and a passing cop car was attacked. Windows at a police station in Luthringhausen were broken and slogans painted.

Windows were smashed and slogans

painted at a Mercedes establishment in Wuppertal.

7/1/95: Eviction of the hut village of Anatopia.

That night, 40 masked people riot in Hamburg, they do damage to Mercedes, smash windows and attack the police. Later the tyres of about 20 Mercedes were punctured and one was burnt.

8/1/95: 30 people occupy a Mercedes establishment in Lubeck. Near Lubeck some windows of a Mercedes establishment are smashed.

9/1/95: 40-50 people occupy a Mercedes establishment in Osnabruck. They block the street and burn the Mercedes flag after tilting its mast. This happened in Bielefeld.

10/1/95: 7 people disturbed the business in a Mercedes shop in Osnabruck.

11/1/95: 3 Mercedes are burnt at a Mercedes establishment in Wilhelmshaven.

Windows are smashed at a Mercedes shop in Bremen.

In the same week : Anti-Auto-Autonomomen attacked a Mercedes establishment near Frankfurt - £10,000 of damage.

12/1/95: Rally against Mercedes in Bielefeld.

That night the police defused fire-bombs placed under Mercedes cars.

13/1/95: Rally with 300 people, it was the biggest one ever - the cops attacked it because a lot were masked up - 2 arrests.

14/1/95: Mercedes hit by fire in Greifswald: more than £60,000 worth of damage.

This list may not be complete - there was at least one action in Berlin. Some weeks later, in February, there were three hits against Mercedes establishments at the same time in: Aurich, Wittmund and Leer (small towns in the vicinity of Papenburg) - causing about £70,000 worth of damage.



Spanish Anti-Nuke protestor arrested by glow-in-the-dark military cop

WHAT A JOKE!

THE BERLIN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Between March the 28th and the 7th of April over 150 governments and about the same number of multinationals came together supposedly to discuss what to do about the worsening climate crisis. Despite the constant efforts of most of these bodies to discredit those scientists and activists who have exposed global warming; the public realise that something big is happening and that something needs to be done. The world leaders know that to survive they must wallow in greenwash. Resistance to this giant piece of theatre was mixed, and reflected many of the internal contradictions of the 'European youth environmental movement' (1).

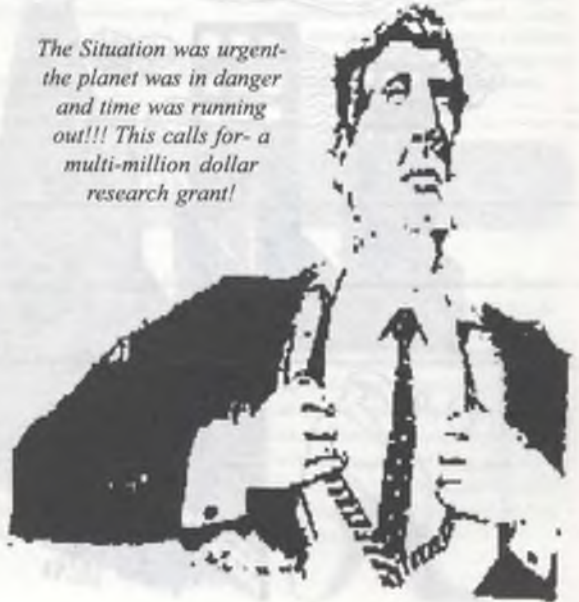
During the first week EYFA (European Youth For(est) Action) held its 'Direct Action Conference' attended by over 50 activists from all over East & West Europe (2). This was a great opportunity to plan action and carry out valuable international networking. Very quickly the different perspectives of groups came to the surface. Those from Britain & some from the Czech republic and Germany argued that our actions should aim to expose the conference as a sham. That we should take advantage of the unique opportunity and target the assembled heads of multinationals and economic bodies. This perspective challenged that of many others who had come intending to lobby, with demos and banner drops, the conference into accepting the motion put forward by many of the soon to be under-water, small pacific island

states. They had obviously not learnt the lessons of the Rio 'Earth Summit'. This motion merely asked for a 20% decrease in greenhouse gases. Considering that the world's leading climate scientists in the International Panel on Climate Change believe that no less than a 60% decrease will stabilise the climate; this motion was staggeringly pointless. It was however, they countered, a realistic demand. This was also nonsense. With Japan and America openly opposing it, it was very unlikely that their client countries would support it either. If the motion had been passed without America, (the worlds biggest con-

sumer of oil), it would be totally meaningless. Supporters of the motion wanted us to compromise and not to disrupt the conference, attack the leading delegations or burn UN flags etc. This, they claimed, would make environmentalists look bad, and lose them influence over the world powers. The idea that 50 predominantly middle class white Europeans in their early twenties could have any influence in these circles was pretty ridiculous. We were in the rather bizarre situation of having to defend direct action at a 'Direct Action Conference'.

Seeing that 'consensus decision making' and 'process' (3) was

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getting us nowhere, those of us into organizing radical action simply organized it. In the end we won people over and nearly everyone came along and participated. We arrived at 8 in the morning outside one of the hotels where many of the industrial lobbyists were staying, and locked onto the buses that were due to take them to the conference. Some activists were arrested and treated very badly. In retaliation, and to wind up the riot cops who were stationed on every streetcorner, on three occasions the buses were paintbombed as they drove down the route. Those responsible escaped into the underground system chased by police who were caught totally off guard.

A large march through the

city was attended by about 6,000. Riot police blocked the pavements and before they could get to the gathering point anyone who looked scruffy was searched for weapons. Armoured water cannons were stationed in three locations on the route and an underground car park opposite the conference centre teamed with thousands of cops. Not surprisingly then the march stayed quite passive. The following day the largest ever cycle action took place with over 100,000 participants.

The DAC although sometimes infuriating was very worthwhile. Most of the participants were new to direct action and were radicalised by it. Many good debates were held and contacts and friend-

ships were made. It finished the day of the march and a larger event called 'the greenhouse gathering' began with over 700 participants from all over Europe; there was even people from New York EF! This conference had a massive budget and was being funded by the EU to the tune of £100,000. Much of this money went on transport costs, but the majority went on booking the conference hall and buying flash new CB's, Computers etc. (4) The gathering consisted of 5 days of talks and meetings-most of which were on exhilarating and relevant topics such as eco-taxes. Most people were spectators and there was no substantive networking sessions. Only one and a half days were actually set aside for taking action. When a large contingent of EF!ers from the north and Glasgow arrived, many on the organizing committee complained that they had been deceived. They had been told that those coming were from the Green Student Network. They were worried that Earth First! was going to hijack 'their' gathering and get people doing action rather than attend the 'real events'. This set the tone for the rest of the week. Most of us attended very few meetings. We met many people from other countries who believed much the same as we do- mainly around dinner and in the bar.

British EF!ers and activists from the Czech republic were the main conference action co-ordinators. One reclaim the streets action was held with over 200 people. Numerous press conferences were disrupted by activists with press-passes. On the final day after the conference decision had been announced (more talk, no change), over 300 activists d-locked themselves to the entrances of the conference hall, occupied the foyers and stormed the UN stage. The idea being that the delegations should not leave until something had actually been done. Amazingly no-one was ar-



rested. As well as the actions we were involved with, we also heard that the private coaches of the Japanese and French government delegations had their tires slashed; and on two occasions hotels full of delegations and industrialists were emptied after fire alarms were set off at 1 in the morning, (it's amazing where you can get to when wearing a suit!).

We made many new contacts and this was invaluable. We in Britain who say we 'think globally' have far to much of an island mentality. Good actions were taken over the two weeks, but resistance to the conference could have been much larger. Many mistakes were made, but if we learn from them, next time we can really make a difference. The next climate conference will be in Japan so I doubt many of us will make it over. However, as the crisis gets worse the industrialists need for such greenwash will increase, so we can look forward to many more such conferences. Next time lets really expose them for what they are, and make them feel our anger at the destruction of life and the continuation of their system.

Footnotes

(1) Although it describes itself as the 'European youth environmental movement' it is more accurate to describe it as the 'European student environmental movement'.

(2) Although activists came from many countries to the DAC, radical ecological groups from Germany were not represented; German EF! were not even aware of its existence. This was not the fault of the organisers who miraculously managed to organise a gathering in Berlin from Amsterdam and the Czech Republic. German EF! appeared at the greenhouse gathering, although they had not been officially invited. There is a massive anarcho-punk squatting scene in Germany and especially in Berlin. On a number of occasions it has disrupted international capitalist gatherings with great success, and it can still mobilize thousands. Fearing that they 'might cause trouble' the organizers of the greenhouse gathering actively discouraged them from being involved. By destroying any real link to the towns counter-culture the organisers undermined our ability to smash the conference, this was their intention. Due to their alienation from local radicals they were unaware that they were holding their conference on the estate which is Berlin's fascist stronghold. A few hippies walking around at night would have been an easy target.

(3) When there are two radically opposing views Consensus Decision Making simply does not work. The jargon

and hand signals designed to liberate people, more often than not simply creates a new elite who feel confident in 'the process'. Bad facilitation and the language barrier can make this unbelievably infuriating.

(4) One of the most interesting things we discovered was the way many of W.Europe's 'youth' environmental movements are funded. Their main source of income seems to come from government. When a network begins to grow the state gives them ridiculous amounts of money to organise endless seminars and alternative conferences. The most active in the movement end up spending all their time organizing these things (and arguing about the money) rather than actually confronting those that are destroying the earth. This level of co-option is non-existent (as yet) in the student green movement over here- never mind in EF! British Earth First! in four years has probably used less money than the greenhouse gathering did in one week. If we need something more often than not we beg, borrow, or steal it. Poverty is a great radicalizer, and tends to give you a different slant on private property. There was no way we could have actually payed for the scaffolding that made the tower at Claremont!!! For a banner drop during the conference they actually rented a ladder, this when half of Berlin city is a building site. The idea that they could just go and steal one simply didn't occur to them.

Symbiosis

Several species of Pineapple Plant (Bromeliaceae) live in the flood basin of the Amazon in South America. In this region water levels rise regally by several metres, thus drowning large numbers of plants and terrestrial animals. These floods would certainly destroy the ant nests and undermine the ability of the plant to reproduce, and so the ants have developed a novel method of solving this problem. The ants have moved up into the trees. They search the ground for seeds of the pineapple, take them up into the trees and plant them in soil they have already transported from the ground. These seeds germinate and grow, attaching themselves to branches around them and forming a strong nest-like network of roots, stems and leaves. This plant provides the ants with a much stronger nest than the ant could make itself. Their new home means that they no longer have to risk the dangers of the water and can live their lives above flood water levels. The pineapple benefits from being rescued by the ants from the floods. It is also nearer to the sunlight, ground level photosynthesis can sometimes be very low in the tropical forest. Both species gain considerably from this association.

DuPont's Plans in Goa Go up in Smoke

-By Claude Alvares, *Third World Network*

In the space of a mere week-end, after a series of fast-moving developments, DuPont's proposal to set up Asia's largest Nylon 6.6 plant in Goa, (India) has been literally burnt to cinders.

For seven years now, the villages surrounding the proposed site have carried on a sustained agitation on environmental and other grounds against the project. But the final denouncement commenced in late January after police swooped down on eight demonstrators and stripped and beat them up in the police cells.

The incident of police brutality had repercussions the police and the administration could never have imagined. It led to a large-scale demonstration during a public function organised by Eduardo Falheiro, the Union Minister of State for Chemicals, at Farnagudi, Ponda, on 21 January 1995. Events snowballed rapidly after that leading to the movement taking over the plant site on 25 January.

On the evening of 22 January village girls saw a truck moving to the site of the proposed factory; they realised that the company would be up to some activity the next day.

The Americans had apparently met Chief Minister Pratap Singh Rane and insisted they be allowed to visit the proposed site and to begin preliminary work, with police protection if necessary. They therefore de-

cided to move in to the site in an air-conditioned bus, escorted by two police vans. The trip was a serious act of provocation since the area was already quite tense with the happenings of the days earlier.

At Arla, 1 kilometre from the site, a large crowd of

police got out and sprayed bullets directly at the women.

No warning was given. Two girls fell, with bullet injuries on their thighs. Then a young man, Nilesh Naik, also fell to the first line of bullets. Eye-witnesses say he was shot in the chest at point-blank range.

The women, despite being shot at, moved with determination towards the policemen firing at them who now panicked as stones began flying at them from both sides of the road. The officials jammed themselves into a police bus, turned around and fled. The other bus faced the fury of the crowd and so did the three jeeps. They were burned to ashes. Several policemen suffered injuries. Some were kidnapped by the crowd and stripped of their clothes in a return action for what had been done to their fellow activists earlier.

A passing bus was requisitioned by the activists to rush Nilesh to the Ponda Hospital. However, the police impounded the bus 2 kilometres down the road, broke up the vehicle in anger and took Nilesh with them to the Ponda police station where he lay for another 20 minutes before he was taken on a motorcycle to the hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival; the doctor said the young man would have survived had he arrived just a few minutes earlier. The other injured people were shifted to the Bambolim Medical College near Panjim.

The villagers next targeted the public clinic set up by DuPont for



were already squatting in the middle of the narrow single road that leads to the site. They refused to budge. The Americans had to return to Ponda. They were furious. They met the Chief Minister again and demanded more aggressive action against the protesters. At 2 pm, a CID inspector visited the Arla blockade site, told the women and other activists to disperse and threatened them with dire consequences. He was driven away.

At around 4.30 pm, three jeep loads of officials accompanied by two bus loads of police returned to the site. After they had parked their vehicles in a line along the road, the

the villagers at Querim and razed it to the ground.

By this time anger against DuPont and Thapar had reached a crescendo. The night of the police murder, the Anti-Nylon Coordinating Committee announced a Ponda strike for the following day even as the administration imposed a curfew on the city.

The following day, however, before dawn could break, road-blocks were already installed by the activists bringing all life to a grinding halt. Police officials attempting to approach the town were met by a rain of soda water bottles at Kundai and had to retreat to Panjim. Several buses and jeeps went up in flames. No human beings, however, were hurt.

In the morning, after they had taken control of Ponda town, the activists went up to the local Thapar DuPont office and brought out more than 700 files, piles of site plans and drawings of the proposed factory, visiting cards, fax machines and office equipment including tables, a refrigerator, three pistols and an illegal sten gun and burned these in the middle of the road. Twelve suitcases stacked with 500-denomination rupee notes belonging to the company were also consigned to the flames.

In the evening, a fire engine

which came into the city unescorted was also burned to junk. Throughout the day, the curfew was imposed on the police by the people, rather than the other way around. They had now to remain within the precincts of the Ponda and Farmagudi police stations for fear of being exterminated if they ventured out. The strike ended at 8 pm.

On 25 January, the body of Nilesh was brought to the Ponda bus stand from the morgue where it was dressed with flowers by hundreds of activists and taken in a kilometre-long procession to the village of Savoi Verem. The procession took over two hours as villagers all along the 12-kilometre route, including hundreds of school children, insisted on paying their respects to the fallen activist. In the evening, the body was cremated on a specially erected platform just outside the factory's gates. The area was re-named Hutatma Nilesh Pathar (plateau).

Even as the funeral pyre was lit, smoke could be seen billowing from the factory's administrative buildings as demonstrators set fire to them. A stick of dynamite exploded among the remains of the administrative buildings.

Later the same evening, Thapar DuPont MD, Sam Singh, in-

formed the press the company 'was completely shaken up over the past three days events' and expressed his disappointment that the Chief Minister could not provide safety and security for the company's properties at the site.

As the people began returning home from the brightly burning pyre, it was quite obvious that the site - acquired by the Government for the factory - had returned into the possession of the villagers. Village animals including goats and cows, prevented for several months from entering the area, were now seen once again freely browsing all over the plot.

The week's events were an utter humiliation for DuPont, America's largest chemical multinational. The militant and successful rejection of the multinational's factory is the first of its kind since the country began the process of neo-liberalisation, and it presages more to come as multinationals attempt to grab more and more Indian resources through the agencies of the Indian state in the name of progress.

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FACTORIES DON'T BURN DOWN BY THEMSELVES!



LEARN TO BURN!

Reprieve for Polish Bialowieza Forest



March to Parliament, Warsaw

On July 5, the General Director of the National Forests in Poland signed a document declaring an immediate moratorium on logging of old growth trees in the entire area of the Bialowieza Primeval Forest. The decision comes amid mounting pressure from NGO's, forest activists, and scientists world wide to protect Europe's last lowland old-growth forest. Bialowieza is the last wild habitat of the European bison, it is also home to wolf, lynx, beaver, masked shrew, moose, crane, lesser-spotted eagle, black stork and all but one of the European woodpeckers, (see DoD 4).

In April the International Bialowieza Campaign held actions at the government buildings in Warsaw. While just over a dozen activists locked down the entrance of the Ministry of Agriculture, three others gained entrance to the plush office of Stanislaw Zelichowski, Minister of the Environment. Refusing to leave they were dragged out by Warsaw Policja. Outside the ministry, blockers were cut out after a long struggle successfully trapping the minis-

ters car and delaying his speaking engagement before the Polish parliament. Although several activists were taken to the Warsaw police station, none was charged. This action followed a three day vigil and encampment outside the Polish Parliament set up after 100 marched on the Prime Ministers office. Activists (some from Britain), visited the forest site itself and a debate was held with the local villagers. However communication between the villagers and many activists was limited due to the language barrier. The actions set off large media coverage and were greatly responsible for a political turnaround which started on May 11th when the Polish Senate passed a resolution to protect the forest. After increasing internal and external pressure the government signed the moratorium two months later.

The Polish group, Workshop for all Beings, has been a central organiser of the campaign for a logging moratorium. Spokesperson Janusz Korbelt reacted cautiously to the announcement. "We must look at

this decision carefully but it seems that this is a big success for the International Campaign. The next step should be national park status in the total forest area".

The document states that no Oaks, the most desirable hardwood in Bialowieza, over 60 cm in diameter may be logged as well as Lime, Maple, and Ash of similar sizes. Rare species of trees descended from native species and appearing in fixed forms, such as fir, cherry, apple, and elm received complete protection 'regardless of age and condition.' The Workshop for all beings had estimated that the remaining old growth would have disappeared within three or four years at current logging levels prior to the moratorium.

The logging moratorium is the first of two demands set forth by the International Bialowieza Campaign to be met by Polish Government. The second demand is to set aside the entire area as a fully protected national park. Currently, only a tiny portion of the forest has national park status. The logging moratorium gives us a lot of breathing room, but no one campaigning can rest until it is permanently protected as a national park..

Faxes and letters demanding that the Polish government upgrade the WHOLE of the forest to a national park should be sent to: The Prime Minister, Josef Oleksy Urzad Rady Ministrow 00-902, Warsaw, Poland; +48 2 628 4222

For info on the campaign in Britain write to Avon Gorge EFi. The address for the Workshop for all Beings is in the contact list at the back of this issue.

THE ETERNAL THREAT

BIODIVERSITY LOSS AND THE FRAGMENTATION OF THE WILD

Throughout the earth wild habitats are being cut up, cut down and cut off. One inevitable result of this is fragmentation. By neglect, chance or design the conversion of wild habitat to human dominated land leaves islands of wild habitat in an ever rising sea of inhospitable terrain. The result is a very quiet, but huge, profound and disastrous effect on the world's terrestrial ecosystems and the species they contain.

This article will firstly take a quick look at the theory of why habitat islands and real islands have far fewer species than more continuous tracts of land. Secondly look at three examples of the serious fragmentation of the wild and resulting species loss from the U.K, U.S.A and Brazil. Finally I will look at what environmental groups, (FoE, Greenpeace and EF!), should be doing.

Islands can be thought of as one of three different types:

a) Oceanic islands :Those that have nearly always been islands, like the Seychelles and all those other 'idyllic' faraway holiday islands.

b) Land-bridge islands: Those that used to be attached to larger land areas, (usually several thousand years ago-eg-Britain).

c) Habitat islands: Those 'Natural' or 'semi-natural' habitats surrounded by a sea of human dominated landscape, like a copse of woodland surrounded by farming fields or meadows surrounded by housing and road developments.

All three types act in very similar ways.

i) The smaller the island, the less species are present on it, see figure 1.

ii) The further away from a source of colonizing species, the less species are to be found on the island, see figure 2.

iii) The longer the length of time they have been islands reduces the number of species found on the island. This point is controversial but the few studies done and the general theory seem to support it.

To account for these striking patterns seen over the whole globe, with virtually any plant or animal group, two groups of theories have been put forward. The first was proposed by the two mega-ecologists MacArthur and Wilson in 1967 in their seminal work "The theory of Island Biogeography" [1] (which is still used widely today by those responsible for drawing up the National Park / Reserve guidelines etc.) They proposed that the area of the island sets limits on the number of individu-

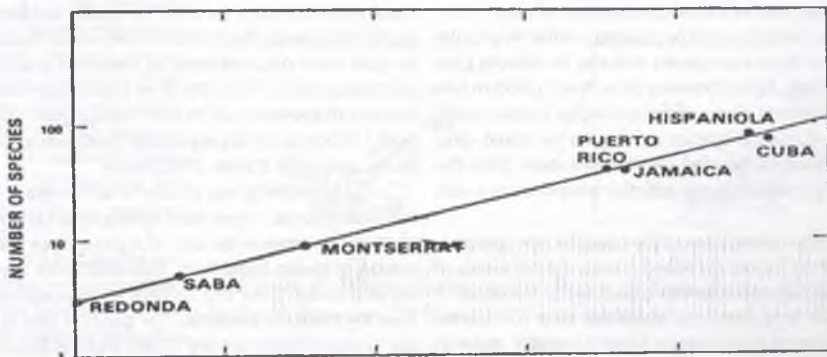


Figure 1. The number of different species of amphibians and reptiles found on 7 different sized islands in the west indies.(MacArthur & Wilson 1967)

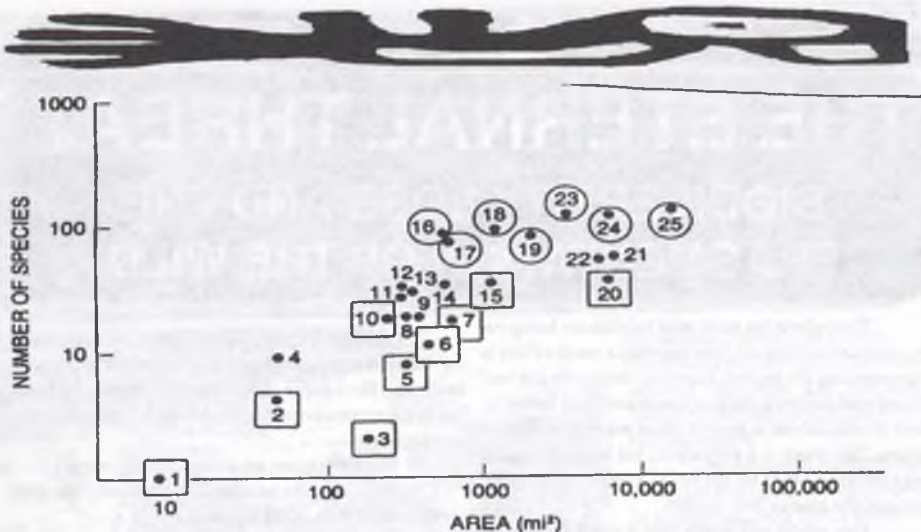


Figure 2. The number of land and freshwater bird species on various islands and archipelagos in the Pacific Ocean. "Near" islands (open circles) are those less than 500 miles from a colonisation source (New Guinea). "Far" islands (squares) are those greater than 2,000 miles from a colonisation source. Dots without circles or squares are islands of intermediate distance. (1) Wake, (2) Henderson, (3) Line, (4) Kusaie, (5) Tua Motu, (6) Marquesas, (7) Society, (8) Ponape, (9) Marianas, (10) Tonga, (11) Carolines, (12) Palau, (13) Santa Cruz, (14) Renell, (15) Samoa, (16) Kei, (17) Louisiade, (18) D'Entrecasteaux, (19) Tanimbar, (20) Hawaii, (21) Fiji, (22) New Hebrides, (23) Buru, (24) Ceram, (25) Solomons. (From MacArthur and Wilson, 1963.)

als an island can support . They then said that the probability (chance) of a species becoming extinct on an island increases as the number of that species decreases .

This is entirely sensible if you imagine having a square of forest surrounded by fields and you then decide to chop half of it down ; the number of trees , birds , beetles or whatever will be reduced ; while the population of an individual species will also be reduced (not enough food , lack of breeding sites , fewer places to hide from predators). Some of this extinction is balanced by colonization -new species arriving on the island - like insects blown in the wind , wind blown seeds , birds flying , fungi spores in the air and other more chancey events

The colonization of the island by new species is reduced the further the island is away from a source of colonizing species (another island , or the "mainland"). The most important point about this theory is that the island reaches a new balance where it is stable , but with a lot less species .

So thinking back to our imaginary forest island the smaller our island gets (maybe some is taken for a

new roadbuilding scheme) the more species we will lose from our island by increasing the probability of each species going extinct . Our forest island could also end up with less species if sources of colonizing species are removed , i.e. our island will act a lot more like a far away island with less species present . This means that destroying habitat islands affects other habitat islands that could be quite some distance away by removing sources of colonizing species With little or no colonization the vast majority of species could be lost from that particular island . Unfortunately this is precisely the direction we are racing towards in the late 20th century .

The second group of theories are known as Species-area theories . These have sprung up to explain the relationship between the area of a given place and the number of species found there . This relationship is amazing as it is seen from ants through to zooplankton and from the tropics to the arctic. The question then is why does area equal more species ? There are three basic theories.

a) Species numbers should increase because larger areas will contain more types of habitat . A pretty

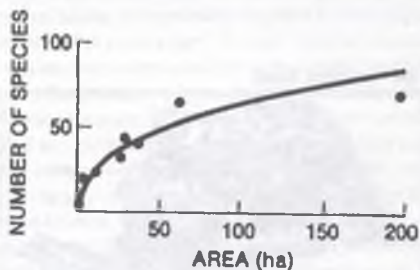


Figure 3. An example of a species-area relation: the number of breeding bird species in different size plots of North American deciduous forest. (Data from Preston, 1960)

obvious conclusion, as most species are highly specialized in at least some of their requirements for life. If we go back to our imaginary island the larger our forest is the more likely it is that it will be growing upon more than one soil type which will mean different (more) plant species will grow with new specialized insects living on them, with different birds living off the insects, and so on.

b) A bigger population of each species (more woodpeckers or red admiral butterflies) leads to a decreased chance of extinction.

This is really just part of the McArthur and Wilson theory described above.

c) Some have said that this striking relationship between area and species numbers is nothing more than an artifact of the way in which we study nature i.e. there is no meaningful relationship between area and the number of species present.

All the theories are plausible, with supporting evidence for each. The real world probably shows a mish-mash of them all, though in my opinion the McArthur and Wilson

theory, and the increasing number of habitats in a given area probably account for most of the differences seen between "mainland" and island ecosystems.

So to summarise this section; making habitat islands by the expansion of agriculture, dam building, housing developments, industrial expansion and road-building reduces the number of species by:

a) Excluding some from the area that remains, particularly if rarely or patchily distributed.

b) Increasing the likelihood of extinction of the species left in the new island habitat because of reduced population sizes.

c) Decreasing or eliminating sources of colonization for other areas left intact.

d) Removing resources outside the area left that species inside that area may depend upon for their long-term survival.

e) By the process of secondary extinction's, these are dependant upon the ecological imbalances resulting from factors a-d.

The question then becomes, yes reducing the world to a series of fragments will lose a huge number of species, but how widespread is the fragmentation and isolation? The short answer to that is VERY. Think about

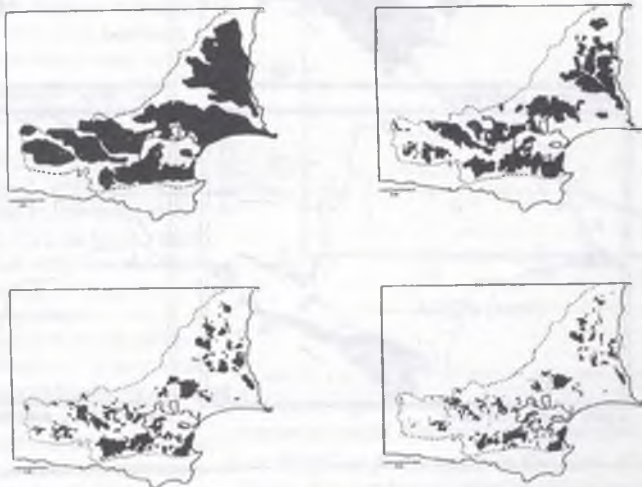


Figure 4. Fragmentation and isolation of Poole Basin, Dorset, England. Between 1759 and 1978 it lost 86% of its heathland (40,000 ha to 6,000 ha), a change from 10 large blocks separated by rivers to 1084 pieces, nearly half of these being less than 1 hectare, with only 14 sites bigger than 100 hectares. (From Webb and Haskins 1980.)

Depletion of the forest area in Sao Paulo State, Brazil.

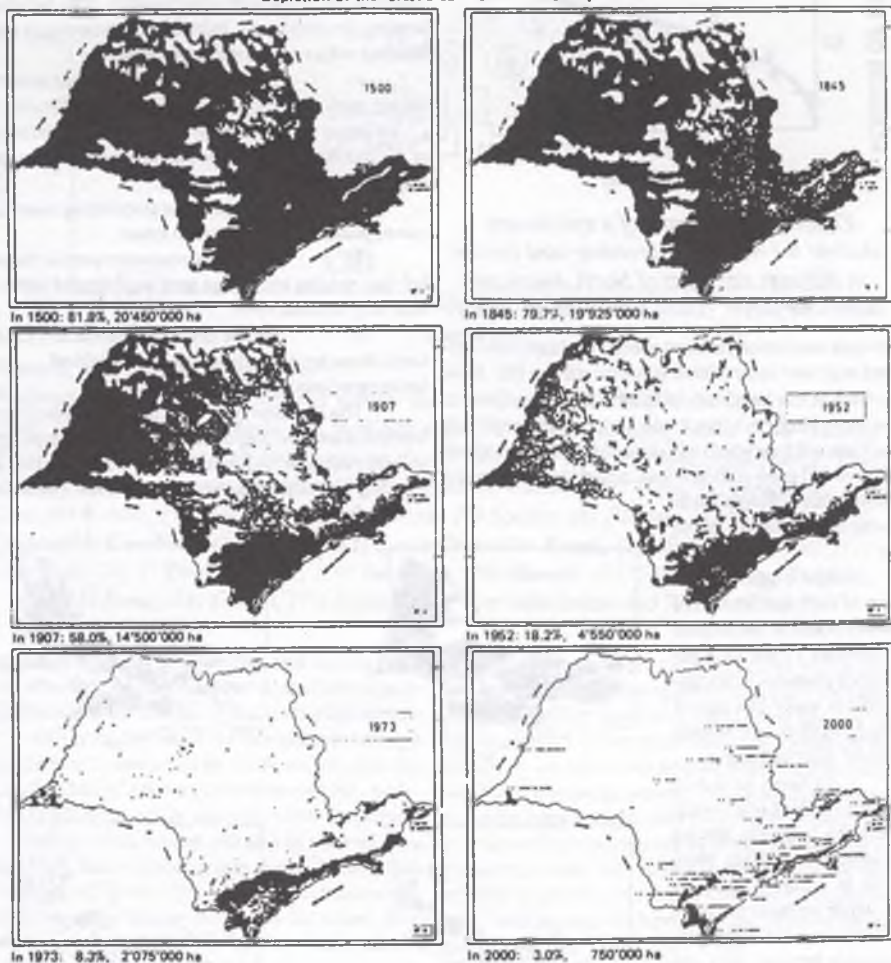


Figure 5. Reduction of tropical forest in Sao Paulo state, Brazil, from year 1500 with 81.8% forest coverage to year 1973 with 8.3% forest coverage. by the year 2000, only 3% forest cover is projected. Sao Paulo state is about the size of West Germany or the state of Oregon. (From Oedekoven, 1980.)

the average nature reserve or national park , an area of natural habitat surrounded by anything but natural habitat up to the parks edge ! Outside National Parks and reserves there seems even less of the natural world left . In an increasingly commercialized and industrial (for developing countries) world with ever more people to feed and multinational companies growing ever bigger and more powerful , the clamour for land gets greater year by year-big business wants it for its dividends for share holders , and peasants want it for subsistence . The natural world becomes excluded . Where the pillage of land means wealth and power , the natural world is in real trouble . In the near future it is expected that the only areas of natural habitat left will be in Nature reserves , indigenous reserves and National Parks .

When was the last time you saw a few thousand or even a few hundred acres of fairly undisturbed British woodland ? Well it is no surprise that there are NO large wild mammals in the U.K.-perhaps it is because all of the fragments left in the U.K. are too small to support viable population's of them . This is also one of the reasons why 40% of British insect species are poised for local extinction from the U . K . , and our bird species see a decline in numbers each year ?

See figure 4 showing the fragmentation and isolation of the Poole basin, Dorset , England , which between 1759 and 1978 lost ; 86% of its heathland (400,000 ha -6,000 ha) a change from 10 large blocks separated by rivers to 1084 pieces , with nearly half of these being less than one hectare , with only 14 sites bigger than 100 hectares .

Figure 5 shows the reduction of tropical moist forest in Sau Paulo State in Brazil , which is about the size of Germany . In 1500 it had 81.8% forest cover . By 1973 it had 8.3% with only 3% to be left in 3 years time . The havoc this has wreaked on the flora and fauna of the area is mostly undocumented , although figure 7 gives a pretty good , but shocking idea.

Figure 7 shows the impact on the forests of Green County , Wisconsin , North America . The continuous forest in 1773 , was by 1978 (not in figure) reduced to 111 forest islands with an average size of 0.09km

Obviously the fragmentation of the natural world is well under way and we can expect that only areas where serious exploitation is strictly prohibited will survive the next few decades unfragmented . What will happen to these areas ? Will they survive and constantly lose species or will they "collapse".

To look at what the future may have in store I will look at the islands of Borneo , Sumatra , Java and Bali in Southern Asia . These islands were connected to the continental shelf up until about 10,000 years ago .

Therefore by estimating the number of species that have been lost since they became islands we can gain at least some idea of the fate of any natural habitat surviving well into the future . The method is simple in theory , but difficult to do in practice ; firstly assume that when the island was connected to the mainland it had the same number of species of a given group that the mainland has today . Secondly go out and find out how many species of that group there are on the mainland and how many on the island now . Finally compare the species lists - any differences should be due to extinction's , because of fragmentation and isolation . The results are summarised in table 1 . This shows for mammals , Borneo- the world's second largest island - lost 20% (1 in 5) of its mammal species in 10,000 years . Not bad , until you realise there is only one National Park in the World that is significantly bigger than Borneo . The unfortunate fact is that 97.9% of reserves are less than 10,000km squared and 84.7% are less than 1,000 km squared . This puts the vast majority of reserves on a par with Bali , which in this study lost 71% (almost three-quarters) of its mammal species in 10,000 years . If , according to MacArthur and Wilson's theory , all species are roughly

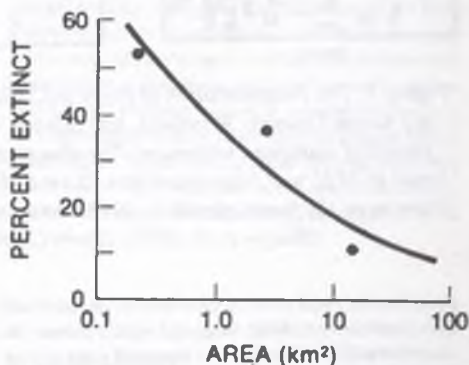


Figure 6. Percentage of apparent extinction's during roughly the last century, based on presumed initial bird species composition in three Brazilian forest tracts in the State of Sao Paulo . It is not known when the forest tracts became isolated from the formerly continuous forest, though it could have been as recently as a few decades ago . Note that all three tracts seem to have lost species, the smallest at the quickest rate . (From Terborgh & Winter 1980, based on data of Willis 1979.)

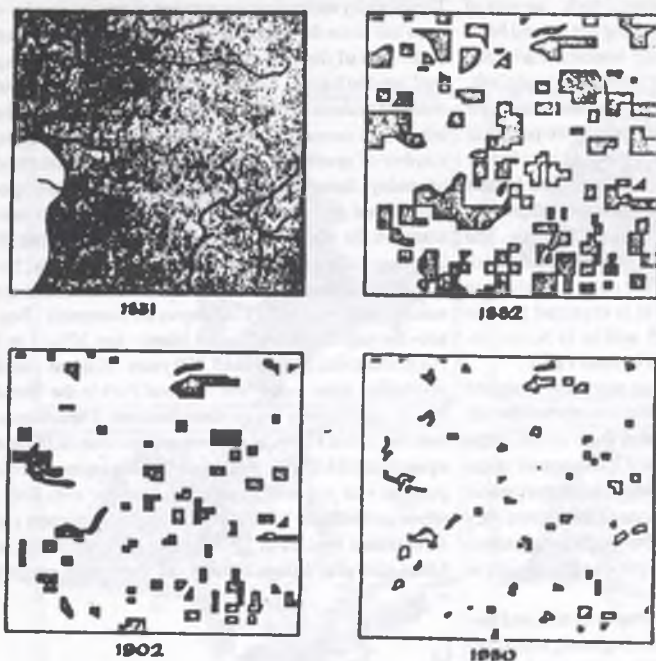


Figure 7. The Fragmentation of forest in Cadiz Township (94.93 km sq.) Green Country, Wisconsin, into habitat "islands" during the period of European settlement. The almost continuous expanse of forest in 1831 was fragmented into 55 small forest islands by 1950. There were 111 forest islands by 1978 averaging 0.009 km sq. in size (Sharpe et al. 1987). (From Curtis 1956.)

equal then the small reserves can expect to lose over half their plant, insect, bird, fungi and reptile faunas - to name but a few-within the next thousand years as area effects kick in.

The ecologist Michael Soule (who has been called the father of conservation biology) looked at this "faunal collapse" for East African parks and came to the conclusion that for the average reserve which has 48 large mammal species and an area of 4000km squared, it will lose 11% of these in 50 years, 44% in 500 years and 77% in 5,000 years.

The "biological meltdown" could then actually become a reality - especially since all the above extrapolation and speculation does not include factors such as: "secondary extinction's", effects of the climate change, hunting, pollution or further area reductions. "Secondary extinction's" are probably best thought of as the rip-

ples given off within the ecosystem when a species becomes extinct. These ripples if large enough cause further extinction's. A general example might be a host specific parasite - once the host (e.g. bird, beaver, or bee) becomes extinct, so does the parasite as it has nothing to live on. A classic specific example concerns the famous dodo bird, killed off by excess hunting. Now a tree species is going extinct as its seeds must pass through the gut of the dodo before they will germinate. This new extinction will then cause further ripples - any insects specialised to live only on that tree will also become extinct. This brings us on to a very important point. We are not seeing species going extinct in their droves yet as there is often, as in the case of the dodo, a long time lag - a long slow decline before extinction. Therefore the rampant fragmentation and isolation going on now is stirring up serious trouble for the future - even if the ecosystems do not seem "too bad" at present

This interdependence of species on each other may bring whole suites of species crashing down to extinction. The trouble is these "secondary" extinction's are at present unpredictable, unforeseen and may or may not be of major importance to the future. But if the words of the eminent ecologist John Terborgh are anything to go by we should be mighty careful. He has said that the removal of half a dozen carefully chosen tree species (mostly figs) from the Amazon Basin could cause most of the rainforest and its species to "collapse".

This is not to say that there will be no nature in the future. There most certainly will be. Nature is above all resilient, but it will be less varied, less exciting, less diverse, and possibly less stable. This coupled with climate change, industrial pollution (e.g. acid rain), rising human population and "western" lifestyles may leave us



in a difficult and severely unpleasant world, but it will almost certainly do away with between a half and a third of all species we cohabit this planet with.

If this is not bad enough Michael Soule and Bruce Wilcox have a dire and scary prediction.

"The green mantle of the earth is now being ravaged and pillaged in a frenzy of exploitation by a mushrooming mass of humans and bulldozers. Never in 500 million years of terrestrial evolution has this mantle we call the biosphere been under such a savage attack. Certainly there have been "crises" of extinction in the past, but the rate of decay of biological diversity during these crises is sluggish compared to the galloping pace of habitat destruction today.

Perhaps the hardest to grasp is the geological and historical uniqueness of the next few decades. There is simply no precedent for what is happening to the biological fabric of this planet and there are no words to express the horror of those who love nature. . . . the relentless harrowing of habitats, particularly in the tropics, will reduce rainforests, reefs and savannas to vulnerable and senescent vestiges of their former grandeur and subtlety. But the loss of habitat and the loss of species is not the whole disaster. Perhaps more shocking than the unprecedented wave of extinction is the cessation of significant evolution of new species of large plants and animals. Death is one thing - an end to birth is something else, and nature reserves are too small (not to mention, impermanent) to gestate new species of vertebrates. There is no escaping the conclusion that in our lifetime, this planet will see a suspension, if not an end, to many ecological and evolutionary processes which have been

uninterrupted since the beginning of palaeontological time.

We hope it is only a suspension - that the horrible onslaught can be stopped before the regenerative powers of ecosystems are also destroyed.... This is the challenge of the millennium. For centuries to come, our descendants will damn us or eulogise us, depending on our integrity and the integrity of the green mantle they inherit."

That is to say we're well on the way, if we don't drastically change our behaviour, to drawing evolution, at least for larger species, to a close. Not only are we killing species off in their droves, we are virtually stopping any opportunity for the evolution of new species. In other words, we are participating in the largest, fastest and most severe mass-extinction episode the earth has ever seen.

Why aren't Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and many within the EF! movement tackling what is arguably the issue of our time. They can't because the issues around habitat loss, fragmentation and isolation are so large, complex and mutually reinforcing that to accept and take action upon them would be a blatant attack upon the whole of the society they live within; the whole concept of 'owning' land, of industrialisation, of the false separation between humanity and all other life. The only act that would do any thing to avert this catastrophe would be the complete overthrow and dissolution of the industrial-military machine we live in, a complete change in the way humans relate to other forms of life and indeed to each other. We are talking about opening a very big can of worms here that could well alienate subscribers, funders and supporters and probably the majority of the

Island	Area (km ²)	Initial number of species* (S ₀)	Present number of species (S _p)	Extinctions**	
				Number (S - S _p)	Percent $\left(\frac{S_0 - S_p}{S_0} \right)$
Borneo	751,709	153	123	30	20
Sumatra	425,485	139	117	22	16
Java	126,806	113	74	39	35
Bali	5,443	66	19	47	71

* Initial number of species, S₀, are estimated from the species-area relation of mainland Malaysia.

** Total species loss is assumed to closely approximate or even underestimate extinctions. See text for more discussion.



Western public. If FOE etc brought up these issues they would be labelled 'extremists' and 'out of touch with the real world'. The measures required to tackle a problem of this scale and magnitude are massive; large scale land reform in both the developed and developing world, the cessation of activities that reduce natural habitat and the large scale ecological restoration of this entire ravaged earth. Which ever way you look at it unfortunately it is going to take heroic and drastic action to curb the threat of the virtual termination of much of the evolutionary process- the mainstream environmental organisations are not prepared to get involved.

This is where Earth First! should come in. We should be taking action against the real problems we face- however unpalatable it may be to admit what they are. Earth First! and other broadly similar groups should be at the forefront; they should:

a) Get across the ecological issues of our time; 3 parts per million too much lead in 10% of the UK's drinking water is not a major issue, and certainly shouldn't be one of FoE's main campaigns. What is important is that today there are over 100 less species on this planet than there were yesterday and a few thousand acres more forest was wrestled from indigenous peoples by Trans-National Corporations. EF! needs to tell it how it is-however unpleasant.

b) In a region such as Britain which is severely fragmented already, all habitat left becomes of serious value; be it a tiny piece of woodland on the M11 or habitat threatened by the expansion of a quarry. The removal of even hedgerows around fields can remove important 'wildlife corridors' between bits of woodland. Resistance to the further 'development' of the UK by the government and business is crucial.

c) Earth First! should constantly address the place of humanity within nature. This is probably the most fundamental problem with the mainstream organisations. Their cry is 'exploit, exploit, but exploit sustainably and leave plenty of nature reserves for us to manage.' This is not good enough. EF! and others need to push the idea of humanity as part of nature-inextricably linked. We evolved as part of nature and we now divorce ourselves from it. We rely on nature ultimately for our economic, social, psychological and spiritual well-being. If we contribute to the loss of species and habitats, we destroy our own roots. With this view the conventional 'parks centred' view of nature develops several serious problems perfectly described by Western et al(3).

"Protected areas are a seductively simple way to save nature from humanity. But sanctuaries admit a failure to save wildlife and natural habitat where they overlap with human interest, and that means 95% or more of

the earth's surface. Conservation by segregation is the Noah's Ark solution, a belief that wildlife should be consigned to tiny land parcels for its own good and because it has no place in our world. The flaw in this view is obvious: those land parcels are not big enough to avert catastrophic species extinction by insularization or safe enough to protect resources from the poor and the greedy. Simply put, if we can't save nature outside protected areas, not much will survive inside; if we can, protected areas will cease to bearks."

To finish this article which has focused primarily on biodiversity it is probably most fitting to finish with a quote from the man who coined the term-Ed.Wilson.

"What event likely to happen during the next few years will our descendants most regret? Everyone agrees... that the worst thing possible is global nuclear war.. With this terrible truism acknowledged, it must be added that if no country pulls the trigger the worse thing that will probably happen- in fact is already well underway- is not energy depletion, conventional war, or even expansion of totalitarian governments. As tragic as these catastrophes would be for us, they can be repaired within a few generations. The one process now going on that will take millions of years to correct is the loss to the genetic and species diversity by the destruction of natural habitats. That is the folly our descendants are least likely to forgive us"

Earth First! should strive to get these ideas across and intensify its struggle. We should build a movement that can destroy the processes and institutions that are responsible for this huge attack on the life support systems of the earth.

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BOUGAINVILLE

A SAD AND SILENT TRAGEDY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

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Bougainville was so named by the French explorer, Louis de Bougainville, who sighted the island in 1768. Bougainville is estimated to be approximately 10,620 sq. km, with a population of about 200,000 people. It is approximately 1,000km from Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea. It is divided by a narrow channel of 4-5km from the nearest point of the Solomon Islands, to the south. The main island of Bougainville is approximately 210 km long and about 100 km wide. To the north, lies Buka Island, separated by a passage 800 metres wide, and there are several atolls further north.

Bougainville is mountainous, rugged and covered with dense rainforest. It is rich in mineral deposits. Until the war broke out in 1988 Bougainville, largely through it hosting one of the largest open-cut copper mines in the world (at Panguna), accounted for almost 45% of all Papua New Guinea's total export earning. The total revenue from this mine over the 17 year period between 1972 - 1989 was about US\$6 billion. An additional 500

million tonnes of ore reserves remained when the mine was forced to close.

The war fought on Bougainville today can be seen as a by-product of the colonial errors arbitrarily made in the past, in drawing up boundaries within the territories by the then colonial powers, without any due respect or consideration for the indigenous population's. An agreement was made in 1899 between Germany and Great Britain which allowed for the separation of Bougainville from the rest of the Solomon Islands " for the settlement of Samoan and other questions ".

The two powers, competing to expand their spheres of influence in the Solomon Islands, saw fit to divide up the colony into two parts. The Germans, in return for concessions in Samoa, handed some of the Solomon Islands territory back to Great Britain, but kept Bougainville and attached it to its New Guinea territories in the north for administrative convenience. After the defeat of Germany during the First World War in 1918, the German territories, collectively termed New Guinea, became a part of a League of Nations mandate and were placed under Australian administration, along



In November 1988 a handful of islanders stole company explosives destroying electricity pylons, buildings and machinery. By using guerilla tactics they succeeded in bringing the mine to a standstill.

with the Australian territory of Papua. At this stage Bougainville's leaders began to object to being held as a separate entity from their traditional brothers in the Solomons. For ten thousand years they had been trading and marrying with the people from the Shortland Island and Choiseul, and they felt that the wrong of 1899 should be corrected. During the Second World War Bougainville was the scene of fierce fighting. The island was occupied first by the Japanese, then the Americans, and once again was handed over to the Australian administration as a United Nations Protectorate.

In 1960 there was a discovery of rich mineral deposits, of copper, gold and silver, on Bougainville. The landowners on and around the site objected to the idea of the mine, and were dealt with harshly by the colonial Australian administration. They were forced from their traditional land, their homes and gardens were destroyed, and no consideration was given to tradition, culture and family life. The rivers and streams were polluted, fish began to die and a process of tragic environmental damage commenced.

'Land is our life, land is our physical life - food and sustenance. Land is our social life, it is marriage; it is status; it is security; it is politics; in fact, it is our only world. When you take our land, you cut out the very heart of our existence' The relationship between people and land is perhaps the key relationship in Melanesian

society. The above quotation from three leading Bougainvillean students in 1974 graphically demonstrates its importance.

In 1966 the colonial administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea forced the Bougainvilleans to accept the opening of the Con-Zinc Rio Tinto CRA - Australian subsidiary of British mining giant RTZ mine in the heart of the island at Panguna in Central Bougainville. The profits from the mine would not only benefit the company and shareholders, but would be used by Australia to help fund the administration of Papua and New Guinea. At this time self-government for Papua New Guinea was advanced, and again Bougainvilleans reiterated their right to self-determination as separate from Papua New Guinea, either to return to the Solomon Islands or to stand alone.

On 16 September 1975, Papua New Guinea obtained independence from Australia. Bougainville's pleas for the people to be allowed to exercise their right to determine their own political future were ignored. Panguna became one of the largest opencast mines in the world, and the only source of finance for Papua New Guinea's independence. In essence, Australia gave Bougainville and her people an independence gift to Papua New Guinea.

Bougainville's leaders are constantly being asked by their people why they have allowed the multi-

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After 20 years the mine had grown to huge crater half a kilometre deep and nearly 7 kilometres in circumference, creating over a billion tonnes of waste. This was dumped into the Java Valley creating a wall of waste several 100 metres high, turning one of the islands biggest river systems bright blue.

"Our fish in the river sometimes we would find them dead, floating. Some times even fish in the sea. Each time we reported this to the health officers. Nothing was ever done about it. Every time we complained they would say it'll be alright. It'll be alright; you will get the money, but money compared to what we lost is nothing.

In January 25th of 1990 my brother went to work as usual, the security forces went to him and told him not to say anything. He tried to ask them why they were taking him but he was bashed with the butt of the gun. He was beaten up, ripped off his cloths thrown in the back of the car where ten of the soldiers were sitting and he was driven off. He was still screaming when they got their gun and they somehow maybe they hit the side of his mouth with their gun and two of his teeth fell off. Then he was shot in his heart once and another time in his side.

The PNG cannot win our hearts because we cannot forget our loved ones. We cannot accept it, they killed us in cold murder. We have never experienced things like this in our lives, the only place where I saw similar things was on TV"





national BCL and Papua New Guinea to not only steal their land, but to carry it away from the shores of the island. Why have they allowed the streams, rivers and seas to be polluted and stained with foreign chemicals, which pour unfiltered from the mine, poisoning the food chain, killing the wildlife, destroying the flora and causing long term illness and death to the people. The island was raped and poisoned for 20 years, the people and the environment left unprotected by Papua New Guinea. They failed to take action, so the people of Bougainville have taken it for themselves.

Bougainville's actions in this bid for independence have been defensive. This is a popular revolution which has grown out of an act of self-defence, unpremeditated, without financial or military support. Papua New Guinea has treated the people of Bougainville criminally. The Portuguese siege of Malacca in the 1700s was seen at the time by other nations as a barbaric form of war, and yet Papua New Guinea's siege against Bougainville in 1990 has been sanctioned by Australia and other 'civilised' nations!

By 1980 the people of Bougainville were deeply disturbed by the environmental destruction of the huge open-cast mine; by the increasing plantation of Papua New Guineans in Bougainville, by cultural breakdown, by the lack of government funding and the growing political power of the Papua New Guinean State, built with Bougainville finance, over our own people and resources. In 1988 concerns raised by landowners and the Provincial government regarding the renegotiation of the mining agreement, and the vast ecological damage to the area caused by mining activities, were ignored by the CRA and PNG government. These unsuccessful attempts to correct the situation led to the open protests which developed in to violent protest and the subsequent closure of the mine. This led to the formation of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA), with its main objective of defending the people against all foreign exploiters, including Papua New Guinea.

In March 1990 the PNG military and civil service were forced to withdraw from Bougainville, leaving the island under BRA control, and on 22 April the PNG announced a blockade. In this vacuum, the people set up an Interim Government, whose main task was negotiation with PNG. On 17 May 1990, after the PNG had cut all communications, the Interim Government declared UDI, seeking assistance from other sources to serve the people's basic needs. The use of the economic and social blockade demonstrates genocidal intent. Bougainville is a tropical island, a breeding ground for countless diseases. To deny the people medical supplies is to condemn thousands of civilians to death. The blockade is a form

of germ warfare. It is highly illegal and inhumane. In June 1994, the BRA and the Interim Government signed peace agreements with PNG in the Solomon Islands. Under the terms of the ceasefire, the PNG undertook to allow the unrestricted flow of humanitarian aid. However, despite the agreement and several UN calls, the total blockade remains in force.

In this the sixth year of the longest and most destructive war in the South Pacific Region since WWII, the human rights situation in Bougainville continues to deteriorate. These include the destruction of villages, rape, summary executions of minors, and the operation of concentration camps ('Care Centres'). In most areas schools, hospitals, and factories are closed. Some blame the BRA; most blame the Government, but the real culprit continues to be the past colonisation of lands without consideration for the indigenous. In the present blockade, the immediate victims are always women and children. Villagers have become the victims of disease and relocation into 'Care Centres'. Women die in childbirth, unimmunised children remain at risk from the simplest of curable diseases. After years of blockade, there is a lost generation.

The aftermath of colonisation, where a foreign political system is imposed, results in a state where some are systematically deprived of their rights to life, to security of person, to freedom of thought and expression, and the right to enjoy their ethnic cultures. This is the experience the people of Bougainville have endured under Papua New Guinea's domination. Bougainville is a tragic example of the consequences of an indigenous people being denied the right to self determination, and the resulting human rights violations which so often typify subjugation by alien peoples.

The human rights violations perpetrated by PNG against the Bougainvillians over the past six years are well documented by Amnesty International, the International Red Cross, the Australian International Development Bureau, Medecins sans Frontieres, reliable media interviews, photographic evidence and in documents collated by the Bougainville Provincial Government, and the Bougainville Interim Government.

In 1989/90 in Central Bougainville alone, over 6,000 village homes were destroyed by the PNG Defence Force, resulting in the displacement of 24,000 rural people. Villagers were herded into 'Care Centres', plastic tents in market places and on football fields. Today the above figures are much higher. There are now over 40,000 people herded into 'Care Centres' in areas occupied by PNG troops. In these military-run care centres, conditions are unhygienic, there is overcrowding, no freedom, very little food, and often, contaminated water.



Women are raped and murdered in front of their own families, families killed, children shot, civilians detained, tortures, murdered, and dumped from helicopters at sea. Summary executions and torture have become a norm.

What started as a localised environmental protest has become a struggle in self-defence against racism and exploitation. PNG has conducted a crippling siege. Attempts at negotiation have resulted in broken treaties and re-invasion by PNG troops under cover of a ceasefire. The siege has had catastrophic results for the civilian population; no humanitarian relief or communication has been allowed to or from BRA controlled areas. The only activity on this once-prosperous island is hunting and gardening, industry lies dormant, towns deserted, the island has plunged back into the middle ages.

PNG's greatest weapon and worst shame has been the sacrifice of the lives of innocent people, with complete disregard for Human rights conventions, the Geneva Conventions, and their own Constitution. The official approach, the indiscriminate killing, the use of excessive force, denials of basic needs such as food, clothing, and medical supplies, demonstrates an intent on the PNG Government's behalf to destroy the Bougainvillian population.

These policies constitute genocide under the Convention of the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, Article 2(c) of the United Nations on Human Rights.

Bougainville island has been under siege since 17 April 1990. During this time over 8,000 people, of 5% of the population have died as direct result of the lack of medical supplies and facilities due to the blockade. Thousands of children have been unable to receive immunization as PNG troops have repeatedly burned supplies throughout the areas they occupy. All communication with BRA controlled areas has been cut. There is no economy. Farmers whose life-savings are invested in cocoa plots have watched crops rot on the tree. They cannot pay other villagers to help clean them. The primary industry is choked and is 99% dead, as the jungle reclaims neglected areas. With few exceptions, no per-

son or thing has been allowed on or off the island.

Bougainvillians agree that environmental concerns cannot be disassociated from human concerns. "Environment" encompasses both ecological and cultural rights; the two are too often sacrificed side by side. Government tactics such as forced evictions and population transfers are part and parcel of development policies that, in the name of economic growth, justify ecological destruction and the dispossession of peoples. The intent of the perpetrators of this evil siege is to create disunity on the islands through suffering and death, to torture women and children into submission, to steal back the mining resources at the expense of society and environment, to own the people and their island.

The Solomon Islands form a distinct geographical and cultural entity. Bougainville was cut off for the benefit of colonial powers and merged with a people from

far away, from a land with different culture and different aspirations. This error of the colonial past must be corrected in time and the people of Bougainville have taken the first step. It is time for all people of goodwill throughout the world to bring pressure on the government of Papua New Guinea to end this criminal medieval siege, to

"We wouldn't stand idle and see our boys and innocent people being killed so we had to stand up and defend somehow, and it was then that we thought of forming a militant type organisation to contain what the security forces were doing to us.

The Bougainville Revolutionary Army hold CRA entirely responsible for what has happened on the island. Because when CRA wanted to come in, there was a lot of opposition by the villagers, and also the amount of polluting and damage done to the environment."

- BRA, Spokesperson

once and for all end the colonial exploitation of Bougainville and to recognise Bougainville's right to self-determination.

Further Info:

The video 'Struggle', cut together by Dead Trees EF!, contains a 20 minute documentary on Bougainville. See Resources.

South Downs EF! is organising a tour by Martin Miriori possibly in September contact them for more details and up to date info on the situation.

Read 'Uprising Closes Mine Since 1988' in EF! Journal Eostar 1993.

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URGENT FUNDS NEEDED!

The author of the above article is planning a speakers tour, in late September. Funds are needed urgently. Send cheques to South Downs EF! and we will pass it on.

RTZ are based in the UK- Organise actions!

David Bellamy Exposed!

Far from being the environmental advocate many would like us to believe David Bellamy has shown himself to be an ally- not of the ecological movement, but of the multinationals and the rich. This is all the more disgusting as Bellamy, (a trained biologist), is neither ignorant of this system's ecocidal path, nor of those who lead this process, those he now in fact allies himself with.

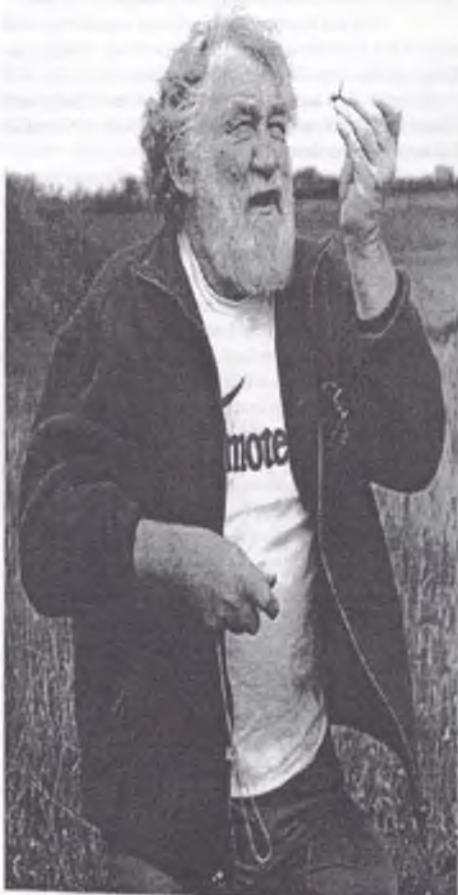
Recuperation through Advertising

Bellamy has in the past done many good things, educating the public on ecology and in fact taking part in numerous environmental protests (notably the successful Franklin Dam campaign, Tasmania 1983) : however he is now more often seen advertising the wares of multinational companies than taking action against those same companies for their desecration of the earth. Bellamy consistently helps to obscure the fundamental conflict between the forces of industrialism and the ecological movement. Presuming Bellamy is as intelligent as some of his older writings indicate, (maybe a large presumption), he must realise why international chemical companies like to be associated with him. It is not merely for his charismatic hand gestures and beard that they pay him; they value him because it confuses the public into believing that as Bellamy is a 'leading' environmentalist then the product must be without ecological blemishes. Dementedly jumping up and down for ICI and Detox, (among others), he helps the companies in their propaganda war to further still the great cause of global consumption, (the consumption of the globe).

Bloodsports & Conservation

Bellamy has made numerous public statements of his belief in game keeping as beneficial for conservation, he is a patron of the 'Moorland Gamekeepers Association' and is involved in a number of other similar organisations that put this idea across. His claim is entirely false. Rather than beneficial, game keeping would be better understood as a constant war against nature. Grazing by deer kept for hunting is one of the major factors in the lack of regeneration of the Caledonian forest and as W.Pearshall explains in 'Mountains & Moorlands'

'Sporting values have led to an enormous in-



crease in...[heather]...in the interests of grouse preservation. Widespread drainage of the wetter moors has disturbed the natural balance of the vegetation, and, because the production of large numbers of grouse requires an abundant supply of young heather, frequent burning is resorted to, a practise which must have marked effects on the fauna and flora. There can be little doubt that this treatment has profoundly modified even the original haether-moors....Under modern conditions, moors are almost always overstocked for sporting purposes, and hence very rapid spreading of... diseases takes place.....Ruthless extermination has been the fate meted out to any bird or animal suspected of preying on either grouse or grouse eggs. The result is that out of the long list of birds and beasts of prey that formally were to be found on our moorlands, only two, the kestrel and the merlin, are now to be seen regularly on grousemoors.'

The enclosure of the highlands was an essential part of the industrial conquest of Scotland, which continues to this day. When the people have land, who will work in the filth and monotonous boredom of factories? Colin MacCleod wrote in issue 3 of DoD, ('Land & Liberty: A letter from Scotland), that;

'The people of Scotland are landless as a result of historic coercion into the capitalist labour force... The wholesale eviction of the indigenous population [of the highlands] was carried out with a blind economic totality and is a matter touching our innermost feelings..Glasgow was historically a slave camp of the industrial era, doubling as a reservation for the dispossessed natives..'

Bellamy knows full well the involvement of the families he mixes with in the destruction of Scotland's great wildlands and land based communities. There continued occupation of the land makes it, without their dissolution, impossible to create a green future and keeps the poor in the slums and hellholes of the city. People in Scotland view supporting the Highland landowners and their lust for blood and money as something on a par with supporting the genocidal land seizure by the USA of indigenous territory.

Supporting Roads!

When Bellamy's book, 'The Roadside', (1) fell into my lap even the cynical writer of this article was astonished. This book was published in 1993 AFTER the Yellow Wednesday eviction on the dongas at Twyford Down, at which Bellamy was PRESENT, (albeit in an observing role - remaining 'even-handed', he remarked that "behaviour on both sides was bad").

This is a children's book. The back cover says:

"An environment as beautiful and complex as this needs to be understood, so that it can be protected from harm. This book describes the fascinating animal and plant life patterns of the roadside and explores its ever changing world."

An old, overgrown track is described at some length. The first few pages describe the varied flora and fauna to be found anywhere that has been left alone for some time. However, one day some men appear with surveying equipment and we realise that the change Mr. Bellamy has in mind is something other than the flowing of the life force we expected. Ah! Perhaps we are about to be subjected to a tirade against road building; after all, Bellamy is one of those whinging environmentalists. Let's read on ...

Sure enough, the whole place is getting trashed! Oh but, hang on a minute.

"By the summer, despite the upheaval ..., some plants and animals have made themselves at home ... one of the foxes even searches for food in the rubbish sacks.... At last the Work is finished. So this is what it was all for! Where the old track used to wind, a great, straight six-lane road is ready for the traffic. Hedgerows have gone, but the wood is still there and the verges are seeded with grass and summer flowers that feed the butterflies again. Where the hill used to rise above the old farmhouse, now the road runs through a deep cutting in the sandstone. The rocky walls on either side are already riddled with the nest holes of sand martins. Despite the cars roaring past only a few metres away, the vixen dozes peacefully in the sun. She knows that her cubs are safe to chase butterflies. The road builders have done a good job [my emphasis]. They have laid a pipe under the road to carry the stream to a big new pond on the other side. This also gives the toads a safe way through from their home to their mating grounds in the pond ... A pair of ducks are rearing their first batch of ducklings. The road doesn't seem to bother them at all, or the swallows, back again for another summer."

In early March '92 Bellamy gave a speech at the Winchester Guild-hall. He proclaimed, "How could anyone have the stupidity to carve an obscene great hole in these downs?"

How indeed, David? Could it be that they read too much uninformed bullshit when they were children!

All in all Bellamy can be seen to be truly worthy of a place in our 'Sheep in Wolves Clothing' column, David, we await your defence!

(1) "The Roadside", David Bellamy, Macdonald (sic) and co., London.No.3 in the series "Bellamy's Changing World".

Critical Mass

RECLAIMING SPACE AND COMBATING THE CAR.

"What a difference there was between the old and new parts of Mexico City only twenty years ago. In the old parts of the city, the streets were still true commons. Some people sat on the road to sell vegetables and charcoal. Others put their chairs on the road to sell tequila. Others held their meetings on the road to decide on the new headman for the neighbourhood or to determine the price of a donkey. Others drove their donkeys through the crowd, walking next to the heavily-loaded beast of burden; others sat in the saddle. Children played in the gutter, and still people walking could use the road to get from one place to another. Such roads were not built for people. Like any true commons, the street itself was the result of people living there and making the space liveable. The dwellings that lined the roads were not private homes in the modern sense- garages for the overnight deposit of workers. The threshold still separated two living areas, one intimate and one common. But neither homes in this intimate sense nor streets as commons survived economic development. In the new sections of Mexico City, streets are no more for people. They are nowadays for automobiles, for buses, for cars, for taxis

and trucks. People are barely tolerated on the streets unless they are on their way to a bus stop. If people now sat down or stopped on the street they would become obstacles for the traffic, and traffic would be dangerous to them. The road has been degraded from a commons to a simple resource for the circulation of vehicles."- Ivan Illich, in "Silence Is A Commons", The Co-evolution Quarterly, Winter 1983.

As Ivan Illich says, it is about "making (our) spaces liveable" - reasserting our control, in a myriad of different ways, over those spaces that once belonged to us but have since been illegitimately wrested away from us, through the process known as "enclosure". This is what happened to the Dongas at Twyford Down on December 9th 1992, to George Green in Wanstead, and to countless other places.

This is where demos, or actions, come in - in a sense the issue that they are ostensibly concerned with is of secondary importance to the feelings that our actions engender within ourselves and others - how much of a





scene we make and the imprint that it leaves behind. The US anarchist writer Hakim Bey talks of "temporary autonomous zones", and this is at the heart of what every demonstration is, or should be striving for - a glimpse of the future (present?) society we long for. The best demos are a gap opening in the clouds of alienation, apathy and impotence, and a sliver of electrifying sunlight breaking through. The stranglehold of orthodox reality is broken- to quote one example, it seems that at a recent Oxford Cycle action, the traffic was brought to a standstill by a prank that subverted police "public order" expectations and left them confounded- they were confronted by waiters who had appeared out of nowhere and were causally serving tea at Oxford's newest cafe, as if it were the most normal thing in the world. The street had been redefined.

This brings us to Critical Mass- an idea and an attitude for bike actions that sprang up in San Francisco, and has now spread to other US cities and international locales, as the potential for mayhem inherent in bikes has been realised and refined. The Mass began as an "informal 'commute home together' to show bike solidarity with no real agenda" (Maximum Rock n' Roll, Feb. 1994)- Just 50 riders cycling home in the dark. It has since proved to have an irresistible momentum, as hundreds more cyclists have gotten involved in Critical Mass manifestations, and the actions themselves have become more conscious. Their experience has shown the willingness of police and motorists to resort to potentially

lethal force to defend what? - One of the supreme totems of our age- the private motor car, and the inalienable right of the motorist to drive, without hindrances of any kind. In one incident in San Francisco in April 1993, a driver reportedly rammed a group of cyclists on the Mass, and proceeded to run over one of its members. The police present duly charged the victims and threatened to arrest other witnesses. I'm sure such experiences will be familiar to those who have participated in Carmageddon actions in the U.K.- or indeed, in anti-roads campaigns in general.

When death may be the penalty for enjoying an innocuous pleasure such as communal cycling, your ideas tend to become radicalised. Critical Masters now see "cars (as) embodying the epitome of American destruction" (Maximum R 'n R). Consequently, aggressive drivers are spat upon or blocked in for longer. The focus of the masses has broadened, with people biking through supermarkets, McDonalds (stealing their flags and causing the manager to lock himself in the process), and other temples of latter day capitalism. Most notably, hordes of cyclists attempted the world's first "cyclotron", surrounding the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange in a bid to levitate it. (Remind you of anything?)

One of the most recent events involved blocking a Berkeley motorway, which led to the worst police reprisal so far seen: some of the participants were charged with "felony assault on a police officer with a deadly



Q: Have you ever used your bike in the commission of a crime?

A: Every good cyclist should!

weapon, to wit: one bicycle.", and sixty one bikes were confiscated, some of which "disappeared" while in police hands. The officer who masterminded this operation hit the nail on the head in hilarious fashion when he accused Critical Massers of being "nothing more than self-proclaimed anarchists and local activists who have adopted innovative tactics to create civil disorder in an attempt to carry out the 'anarchist revolution'." Give that man a D-lock!

Two of those involved in Critical Mass make a very significant point when they say it "above all builds community... at San Francisco Critical Mass in September for its first birthday, people brought huge cakes and brownies and we all sang happy birthday, and had fun in Golden Gate Park." (Maximum R 'n R). Again, this feeling of community, and, ideally, tribal links will be familiar to many UKEF!ers. If revolution is the festival of the oppressed, struggling for something you believe in helps to bind you together, restoring the connections between people that this society so often severs as it tries to atomise us. A new zine culture - the "Xerocracy" - has emerged to cater to Critical Mass, fostering communication between strangers whose only previous connection was ownership of a bike and a desire for change, or (equally valid) some excitement. This brings us back to Illich's point about "commons", and the way in which cars (along with a host of other factors) destroy this social space. Numerous studies support such a conclusion- for example, David Engwight's research (see The Guardian 5/11/93) into how people living on streets with heavy traffic flows experience much less social contact than those living on streets with light flows. The Policy Studies Institute compare roads to "crocodile infested rivers" that people dare not cross (New Scientist 24/10/92)- also, think of the 'traffic canyons' that are prevalent in many cities.

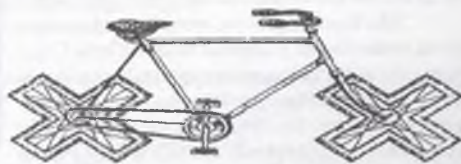
An example of resistance to this trend, and reclamation of this space for the people and community was Claremont Road at the M11. The contents of houses- chairs, sofas, a bath tub, a pool table, etc.- were turned out onto the street, breaking down the odious division between public and private spheres. There could be no greater contrast with David Engwight's findings, where "Heavy Street (high traffic levels)... was used solely as a corridor between the sanctuary of individual homes and the outside world. There was no feeling of community and residents kept themselves to themselves." In our society, it is not just the physical environment that is colonised and enclosed- it is our minds also. By and large, cultural products are manufactured for us, we passively consume them and our own idiosyncratic imaginations begin to atrophy. Critical Mass, and many other similar

actions in the UK, are thus also important because they subvert this trend. A platform- a vehicle, even (excuse the pun)- is provided for people to act out their fantasies, to play, to let rip. One example is Xerocracy, another is that "often (the mass) is chaotic, and indecision in the middle of the intersection can be annoying- or lead to outbursts of theatre and fun like die-ins and resuscitating people with bikes." (Maximum R 'n R) People exult in the atmosphere and surprise themselves with their hitherto neglected capabilities. The first time that the A33 at Twyford was blocked (March 1992) was such an occasion- having stilled the ceaseless roar of the traffic (the lifeblood of the cybernetic machine that we inhabit), we revelled in our power and new found freedom. We capered about, danced, sang, hooted and grunted through road cones as if regressing to primal selves, did an absurd Conga through the stalled cars, openly attempted rash acts of sabotage- possessed by an almost palpable spirit of the moment: for a brief moment, anything seemed possible. To refer back to what I said at the beginning, we were "sunbathing".

Critical Mass's have been happening all over the country, with over 1,500 at the last London CM and over 300 in Brighton. Join these explosions of bike power : Last Friday of every month: Aberdeen, Bath, Bradford, Cambridge, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lancaster, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Middlesborough, Sheffield, Southampton, Stoke, Wolverhampton, York. 1st Friday: Birmingham. 2nd Friday: Nottingham, 1st Saturday: Brighton.

Addresses:

- 1) Bike Not: Chris, c/o 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton Street, London SE17.
(60p + SAE- also has excellent Maximum R 'n R article on Critical Mass available.)
- 2) The Broken Spoke: 141 Sutter Street. #1829, San Francisco, CA 94104, USA. (Send them \$2.)
- 3) The Bicycle Terrorist, c/o Gozar, Box 15071, Berkeley, CA, 94701-6071, USA (send \$2)
- 4) Mudflap: 628 Hampshire, San Francisco, CA 94110, USA (send \$2)
- 5) Bicycle Threat, 3018 J.St#140, Sacramento, CA, 95816, USA (send donation)



Staircase Cycle

The Great Experiment

50 years ago this year the American government received word that Japan would surrender within days. Unsurprisingly the US decided surrender was not good enough- it needed to win. Its top military scientists at the Los Alamos National Laboratory had a new weapon they wanted to play with, and Japan was the ideal testing ground. An experiment was launched with truly apocalyptic results. On the 6th and 9th of August 1945 two nuclear bombs were dropped on the Japanese towns of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Five years after the blast 200,000 people had lost their lives from both cities. People who had seemingly survived the initial explosion were now cut down in their thousands by radiation. Future generations were also to suffer, still births, deformities, cancer, the list is endless. President Truman expressed satisfaction that 'the experiment' had been 'an overwhelming success' (1).

Last year Greg Canavan, a senior scientist from the very same laboratory announced that in order to mitigate man-made global warming he and his colleagues were preparing to participate in the greatest experiment of all; to become Gaia itself, to regulate, to manage the global climate. He announced at last year's annual meeting of The American Association for the Advancement of Science that "Engineering the Earth's climate is coming within reach". Dr. Canavan is among a group of scientists who believe that it may be possible to cool the earth's climate by injecting particles into the atmosphere, (to deflect incoming sunlight) or by sprinkling iron filings into the oceans to stimulate the growth of plankton (that absorb excess carbon dioxide). One idea being treated seriously is to use 16in naval guns to shoot annually 20 million tons of dust into the upper atmosphere.

Our knowledge of the interactions which regulate the earth's climate, is minimal to say the least. Chaos theory tells us that we can never expect to be able to predict the weather for more than a few days ahead with any degree of accuracy. The dynamics of the atmosphere far exceed the level of complexity at which it would be even theoretically possible- climate engineering- it simply can't be done (2). What the US, in its arrogance is of course capable of, is fucking up the planet's climate even more.

Let's face it, would you trust the regulation of the earth's climate to the US military? Let's not wait for the next great experiment!

(1) The Times, August 7, 1945

(2) Mark Davies, 'If its So Bad', Earth First Journal, Yule 92



Part Two- coming soon!

Sick Bastards

The "Problem":

"The Quashees, (free blacks of Jamaica), content themselves with producing only what is strictly necessary for their own consumption, and, alongside this 'use value', regard loafing, (indulgence and idleness), as the real luxury good.... they do not care a damn for the sugar and fixed capital invested in the plantations, but rather observe the planters' impending bankruptcy with an ironic grin of malicious pleasure.... They have ceased to be slaves, but not in order to become wage labourers, but, instead, self sustaining peasants working for their own consumption"

Karl Marx, 'Grundrisse'.(1)

"One of the greatest contributing factors to the unsatisfactory services rendered by native labourers in this country is their economic independence. For it must not be forgotten that every native is a landed proprietor, and nature has endowed New Guinea with a prolific soil, which provides adequate sustenance for a minimum of labour. Dismissal from employment, if he fails to carry out his duties, holds no terrors for the New Guinean native.... Unless and until our natives reach such a stage of development that they must work to obtain sustenance or a livelihood, they will never make suitable indentured labour for any white resident."

The Rabaul Times of New Guinea(2)

The "Solution"

"The Black does not like work and is totally unaccustomed to the idea of saving; he does not realise that idleness keeps him in a state of absolute economic inferiority. It is therefore necessary to use...slavery to

improve his circumstances and afterwards lead him into an apprenticeship of freedom."

The French Minister of Commerce, 1901.(2)

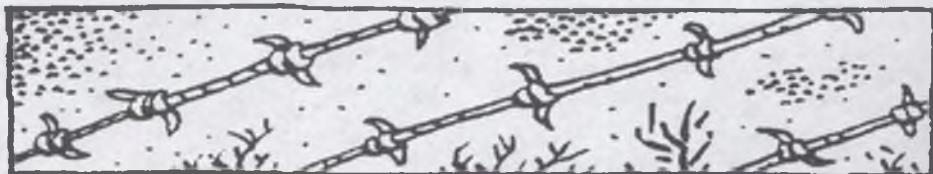
Don't think that this scenario is confined to the history books. It is part of an ongoing process that is still sucking in previously unscathed cultures. To give one example, Cameroon's forest peoples are now required to carry an identity card-failure to do so is punishable by imprisonment. The card costs 1,500 francs, meaning that the tribal people are forced out of their subsistence lifestyle and into the cash economy, simply to pay for the card. (3) (Another name for such a tax is a 'poll', or 'head' tax.)

Nor is it confined to other peoples. We in the ostensibly affluent populations of the west are perhaps more dispossessed than any of our 'underprivileged' Third World cousins. An elite in our society perfected this system here first, and then exported it to the rest of the world. Now, hundreds of years later, we have largely lost the skills necessary to be self sufficient and therefore autonomous - to enjoy a state approaching that of the Quashees and New Guinea natives described above. Our project must therefore include self-development : rediscovering the old crafts that were practised in the UK (see John Seymour's book , ' The Forgotten Arts ', for hints), learning about permaculture, familiarising ourselves with what passes for the natural world around us, and so on.

(1)'Green Revolution', Dec 1991.

(2)'The Ecologist', July 92

(3)'Green line', May 92



Manifesto of the Phantom Tree Planters

Planting trees opens our hearts to Nature's wisdom. Nurturing them gives exposure to life's vulnerability and teaches how to build ecological and human community.

We plant trees not for ourselves, but for those who will follow. Life gives unto life, and by dancing to its rhythms we can enjoy with clear conscience what has been handed down from the past.

Many people have never planted a tree because they think they do not own land. This is mistaken. We are all children of the Earth. We share equally in the valleys, hills, rivers and seas. Let us no longer be deceived otherwise!

Phantom Treeplanters have no formal organisation, no joining fee, and only the Earth holds its membership list throughout time. To belong, simply plant a tree without expectation of material gain, help care for existing ones, or hold in your heart what they mean.

With due sensitivity, plant trees on any land and in any place where they have a chance of surviving. Do not be put off by feeling you always have to get permission. Nature sows without asking. You are part of nature. Reconstituting the world is a duty and a right which extends beyond legal concepts of land ownership.

You can buy suitable native species from nurseries. But better still, root a length of willow in a bottle or collect and sow seed from original local sources. Is it too long to wait for an acorn to grow? Maybe you do not need to live so fast that only instant results satisfy. Try starting some trees in a deep pot on the window ledge or dig up a stretch of lawn. Never mind if you cannot foresee where to transplant the seedlings. Grow them first. Life will work out the rest. when the time is right.

Do not worry too much about losses. Accept these as part of the process. Take heart that other treeplanters are also at work. What matters is not individual success or failure, but the overall process we share in.

*Planting trees is about making love with the Earth. Phantom planting recreates wildness. So let us live and love wildly. Let us not be afraid to grow and change.
Let us celebrate - life itself*



Animal Antics



1) 'An Angler was drowned by the fish he was trying to catch. Chris Bowie, 29, from West Palm Beach, Florida, was dragged off his boat and pulled 30ft under by a blue marlin when his hands became tangled in the line during a contest off North Carolina. "It just snatched him off the deck", said a friend.' -Daily Mail, June 20th 94.

2) 'An Elephant whose calf was knocked down by a locomotive in the Sythet region of Bangladesh on the 21st of

February 1993 blocked the next train that passed an hour later and banged her forehead against the engine for 15 minutes, until it could no longer run. She then walked off into the jungle, leaving about 200 passengers stranded for over 5 hours. The extent of the baby elephant's injuries were not known.' - Associated Press, 22/2/93

3) 'Nature's war on man's design grinds on in Seville where the World Expo, having been plagued by armies of rats, which gnawed through most of the optical and electrical cables, is now being consumed by mosquitoes. Soaring temperatures, fountains, abundant vegetation and strong night lights have attracted every insect within miles and no one has a clue what to do.' -Guardian, 17/4/92.

4) 'San Francisco Police chased a Zebra down a 6 lane Freeway at 45MPH. When stopped, it kicked in two doors, smashed a mud guard, climbed on the bonnet, chewed up the steering wheel and bit two handlers before being returned to Marine World Zoo.' -Daily Mail, 27/



Tree Spirit and Earth Repair

" ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION MAY BE THE ART FORM OF THE TWENTY- FIRST CENTURY. " - from ' Helping Nature Heal', Ten Speed Press, 1991.

Environmental restoration is the other side of the coin to much of the activity that Earth First! has so far been engaged in - that is, grappling with the toxic forces of " law " and " order " in a very overt way. Such activity is the defensive work, a holding operation, crucial in many ways and important for bringing people together as a group, cementing the bonds between them in shared, often harrowing experience. However it is important not to get hung up on the adrenaline and peculiar glamour of such frontline situations.

Environmental restoration is proactive - whereby we set our own agenda - as opposed to campaigns, which usually involve little more than reacting to the latest state or business atrocity. Restoration therefore helps to signal our ultimate indifference to politicians and the fleeting games that they play. Restoration is less dramatic and more humble than the preservation battles, but it does establish a vital new paradigm : humanity as creator and healer - one who adds value or makes reparations to nature - rather than one who is unable to do anything but destroy and despoil.

There is no immediate gratification, no overnight old growth forest or pristine wilderness - rather a slow, cumulative process of getting to grips with what surrounds you, and establishing an intimacy and a rapport with a given area of land. There are strong personal and spiritual repercussions : the realisation that you have set in motion a process that will extend far beyond your lifetime leads you into a deeper comprehension of nature, and the scale on which she works. Some of you goes with the tree branches as they steadily rear up towards the sky.

Earth repair work is becoming increasingly widespread in the US, India and elsewhere, but is still relatively uncommon in Britain. We featured Alan Watson's visionary Trees for Life project in Do or Die #2 (Write to the editorial address for a copy of that article), and a similar project, albeit on a much more modest scale, is that run by the group Tree Spirit on their newly acquired 24 acre plot at Maes y Mynach, near





Shrewsbury.

Tree Spirit exist to promote an appreciation of trees and the spiritual, social and ecological roles that they fulfil. To this end, they publish a newsletter, hold regular 'tree moot' gatherings, and campaign for the preservation of woodland areas. On a more practical level they also operate their own tree nursery, with stock largely drawn from commercial nursery surplus. (A word of advice to EF!ers interested in tree rearing with a view to clandestine or authorised planting : due to the exigencies of the deranged market system that we live under, many nurseries are forced to destroy thousands of perfectly good trees every year - generally from March through to June. This is for no other reason than to make way for the new stock (and to protect prices, of course.) It is therefore worth approaching your local nursery at this time of year - you can take the trees off their hands, leave them with a clear conscience, and acquire the raw materials for reforestation at little or no cost.)

Another lesson to be learnt from Tree Spirit's purchase of Maes y Mynach concerns funding. The purchase was partly financed by the Forestry Commission's Woodland Grant Scheme, which is well worth looking into for anyone contemplating such a project. Although the buying and selling of land is obviously a complete absurdity, it is true to say that if you buy land where it is cheapest - i.e. Wales or Scotland (Particularly Scotland, where there is currently a glut on the market as the big estates are further dismembered) - and then reforest it under the Woodland Grant Scheme, you actually stand to make a profit (Over, say, about 10 years), which can then be reinvested in additional acquisitions - this is Tree Spirit's intention. And before you know it, your mighty empire of reforestation has expanded, and the wildwood has returned ... NOT ! (Ecological capitalism, anyone ?) Copies of the Woodland Grant Scheme are available from 'The Wilderness', South Downs EF!, or your local Forestry Commission office. Bear in mind the fact that, as the WGS is an attempt by the Forestry Commission to restore an image tarnished by decades of desecrating the landscape with conifers, the grants for broadleaved tree planting are very generous. Even more incredibly, the grants for " natural regeneration " are the most generous of all. For noninterventionist EF! types, this has to be worthy of serious attention. (A word of warning however. The Forestry Commission has reportedly begun to revert back to type - plans are afoot to increase funding for large scale conifer plantations, and to reduce it for broad leaved planting, particularly if it is small scale. If true, I guess it just goes to show that you can't keep a bad institution down.)

Maes y Mynach is itself a former Forestry Com-

mission plantation, and part of Tree Spirit's vision for the land involves rectifying the environmental damage that such a plantation entails. Their aim is twofold : firstly, to create a mixed woodland for ecological reasons - to which end, a very wide range of trees are being planted : oak, ash, birch, rowan, willow, lime, chestnut, hazel, hawthorn, wild cherry, bird cherry, aspen, field maple, sycamore, yew and larch. Ultimately they intend to encircle the entire plot with a good mixed hedge, which will in itself be extremely valuable to wildlife.

Secondly there is the human element - acknowledging that we do have a place in nature, and that we are not intrinsically hostile to the natural world, as some strands in deep ecology seem to suggest. Tree Spirit hope that Maes y Mynach will be " a place where people can come to do practical conservation work, enjoy nature, relax and generally find a little bit of peace and quiet ... it will be a place where people can stay for a few days without being told to move on or " get off my land ". However they emphasize that " it will not become a permanent encampment for all and sundry. For those who have something constructive to offer or who need a little time away from the madness of modern society, Maes y Mynach will be accessible. "

To achieve these aims a tremendous amount of work is in order. Most of the tree planting has been done, but some still remains - particularly the hedgerows. Planting season is October through to April. Many paths need clearing as there is still a great deal of felled wood strewn about from the forestry operations. Tree Spirit want to create a pond, which will serve as both a wildlife feature and as drainage for the main track. Maes y Mynach also has a spring, which is currently being made into a source of clean water.

The most ambitious plan is to construct a roundhouse, for which planning permission has already been obtained. It will be 32 foot in diameter, 13 foot high at the central point and crowned with a turf roof. It is envisaged that the roundhouse will act as a workshop, storage space, communal gathering/celebratory venue, and as a sleeping area. (Perhaps a future EF! gathering could be held there ?)

Anyone who is interested in helping out with this inspiring project should contact Tree Spirit at :

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DY123AH (Phone: 0299-400586)

OR: Shelley and Jeff Griffiths, 95 Anstey Rd., Perry Barr, Birmingham B44 8AN (Phone: 021-356-2206).

As Tree Spirit say, in a phrase that could serve as a motto for all our efforts: " Cooperation for mutual benefit and input of constructive energies will go a long way. "

Dances with Dollars

"The white man made us many promises, but he never kept but one. He promised to take our land and he took it"- Red Cloud, Sioux Chief, 19th Century

In August "Waterworld", the latest film to star Kevin Costner, will open in Britain. It is the most expensive film ever made. This article is a plea for you to boycott it and take actions against its star.

If this sounds bizarre- read on.....

Many of you will have seen Kevin Costner in 'Dances with Wolves', a moving (if rather sickly) story, set in the last century, about a US cavalry man, John Dunbar, who joins a band of Lakota Sioux. The film was praised by many, including the Sioux people, for its portrayal of the plight of Native Americans. Following it's release Costner spoke publicly about native peoples land rights & was adopted by a Sioux family.

Yet Costner now joins the ranks of generations of white people who have broken promises & exploited native Americans. As if acting like a plank wasn't enough.

Costner and his brother, under the name 'Dunbar Consortium', are now planning to build a holiday resort on land sacred to the Sioux.

The Costners have already started work on a site they own and plan to build a four star hotel, complete with casino and sports complex. Now they are trying to buy 630 acres of land belonging to the US Forestry Dept to add a golf course and private railway to their list of horrors. This land is unspoilt forest and part

of the Black Hills national park.

The Black Hills are, to the Lakota Sioux, the sacred heart of their nation. In 1980 the US Supreme Court ruled that the land was taken from the Sioux illegally in 1877 and that the US Government should pay over \$1 million in compensation. The Sioux have not taken the money. They would rather have the land.

As ever, the developers claim the scheme will bring in jobs and wealth to a poor area. They point to the fact that the Sioux people of South Dakota are amongst the poorest in the USA. Yet to the Sioux the land is sacred as it is- wild and undeveloped. Whilst the Sioux live on minimal state support, Costner and his brother have received over \$11 million in state aid to help them build the resort. At the end of the day we all know who's bank balance will really benefit.

What YOU can do

- *Boycott 'waterworld' and ask others to do the same.
- *Hold demos/actions outside (and inside) local cinemas to encourage people to boycott the film.
- *Ask people to write to Costner at the following address- Kevin Costner, 1888 Sentry Park East, Suite 210, Los Angeles, 90067, USA
- *Please send accounts of any actions to us c/o South Downs so we can let others know whats going on and send our support to the Sioux people.



'Aside from the machinery of war, all machines of ancient times originated in the needs of the theatre. The crane, the pulley and other hydraulic devices started out as theatrical paraphernalia; it was only much later that they revolutionised production relations. It is a striking fact that no matter how far we go back in time the domination of the earth and of men seems to depend on techniques which serve the purposes not only of work but also of illusion.' - *'The Revolution of Everyday Life'* - Raul Vaneigem

'On Wednesday Mr Happy was at home watching television. Outside Little Miss Naughty picked up a stone. She was going to break his windows, naughty girl!' - *'Little Miss Naughty'*, Mr. Men Books.

'Land is the only thing that amounts to anything, for 'tis the only thing in this world that lasts, and don't you be forgetting it! 'Tis the only thing worth working for, worth fighting for- worth dying for" - Gerald O'Hara, *'Gone With the Wind'*

Shoreham:

Live Exports and Community Defence



Security Guards at Shoreham.

Author's note: For reasons of time, space etc this short article cannot be a full analysis of live-exports in general or Shoreham in particular. Nor can it adequately deal with the thorny issue of 'animal rights'. The focus of this article is on the reaction of the local community to live-exports and the attitude of 'politicos' in Brighton to the growing movement.

Intro

Intense lobbying from animal welfare groups, designed to discourage passengers from using ports which exported livestock, caused major ports like Dover to pull out of the live-export trade. The major ports realised that if they continued live-exports (a relatively small part of their business) they would face losing passengers to other

ferry companies who were not involved in the trade and to the newly opened channel tunnel. By seizing the opportunity presented by an increasingly competitive passenger trade, animal welfare groups were able to bounce one port after the other into banning live-exports. The result of this was that the exporters were forced to find new ports, ones which had no significant passenger trade to speak of. These new ports tended to be much smaller and were often located in the heart of closely-knit local communities, particularly in the case of Brightlingsea. Spurred on by emotive videos of calves in veal crates and witnessing their suffering at first hand many locals became determined to stop the trade.

Going down to Shoreham at the start of January was like going to a picket-line, people were sitting in

the road trying to block the trucks coming in, the police were dragging people away, in short all the usual push and shove of any major public order situation. At this point it's important to note the bitter irony that whilst residents of both Brightlingsea and Shoreham were prepared to go to huge lengths to stop the live-export trade, few lifted a finger to stop scab coal being brought in through these same ports to break the miners strike. For the first two nights Sussex police were totally humiliated as the sheer weight of numbers of the crowd relative to the lack of police meant that they had to back the trucks up to prevent a major public order incident. On the second night the crowd ran wild with people rushing up and down ripping air-lines out of the trucks, smashing headlights, and one person climbing atop a truck and smashing its windscreen. Sussex police were totally powerless and were unable to control, let alone arrest, most of the crowd.

Realising they could not deal with the protests alone, on the third night they called in police from five

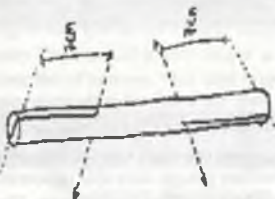
other forces, including public order units from the Met. Over 1,500 police turned up. Everywhere you looked there were riot vans, parked nose to tail as far as the eye could see. Whole areas of Brighton were sealed off to allow the passage of riot vans, and huge convoys of green armoured TSG buses could be seen driving down from London on a daily basis. Not only were the Met being paid ridiculous amounts of overtime to come down and beat up the local community, but they were being put up at top-notch hotels, with five-star catering. And it wasn't long before Shoreham protesters invaded these hotels, resulting in yet more scuffles and arrests.

Back at Shoreham protesters were outnumbered five to one and could only watch as the trucks went in, anyone who tried to do anything more was immediately arrested. On the third night and several others there was widespread scuffling, with people throwing bottles and repeated baton charges by riot cops. Many of the people scuffling with the cops were local residents, some of them local youths who had simply come for a ruck. Most peo-

ACME PATENT TYRE PRESSURE ADJUSTER

The 'ACME PATENT TYRE PRESSURE ADJUSTER' has been inspired by many cold nights standing around at Shoreham, waiting to get shoved ineffectually out of the way by several hundred coppers. It has been field tested to the highest standard!

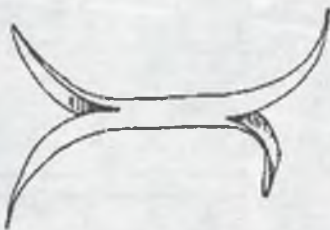
WHAT YOU NEED: Pair of Gloves Hacksaw Steel Rod (10mm Diameter) Vice/clamp- or block of wood with a hole in it 10mm Diameter by 7cm deep. Something to sharpen of spikes E.G.



File or hand drill with grinding attachment. Pair of pliers. DIRECTIONS: (1)Cut length of steel (20cm) long, secure vertically in vice or block of wood. (2)Use hacksaw to cut end of rod to a depth of 7cms, make sure to keep the cut in the centre of rod as this will help prevent the spikes breaking off. When one end has been sawn, turn the steel rod the other way up and make a second cut at 90 degrees to the first. (3)When ends have been sawn carefully bend the ends of rod open, making sure not to break them off., (use pliers). (4)Sharpen ends with file or power drill with grinding attachment.

WARNING!

Don't try this at home. Try it discreetly on a convoy or blockade. It will only work on hard surfaces.



TA-DAA! INSTANT TYRE PRESSURE REDUCTION IN SECONDS!

ple were masked up, including pensioners, and this was not just because it was bitterly cold. The third night set the tone for the next six months of resistance to live-exports, although after a month or so the Met were replaced and their role was taken on by a revitalised and reorganised Sussex police. Many people had thought that the nature of the policing would change when the Met left, particularly as some people in the alternative community think Brighton police are somehow progressive simply because they tolerate raves. But less naive people, particularly those who live on the estates and have seen Brighton police in action, were well aware of their public order reputation. For the next six months protests continued with crowds fluctuating from a few dozen to a thousand, but usually averaging a couple of hundred, in all weathers and at all times of the day and night. And with the continuing protests came continuing arrests, mostly under the public order act, which by the end of the trade amounted to almost 400.

After the initial shock of the police invasion local residents began to organise themselves, throwing up a number of separate and often competing groups, all of them eager to represent the mass of protesters down at the dockside. Meetings were held, leaflets distributed, surveillance of the lairages and the convoys were carried out, and demonstrations and sea actions continued. Those politicians who choose to look saw the emerge of a real community of struggle, with all its attendant contradictions. The struggle against live-exports brought people in Shoreham together with the result that many residents feel ambiguous about stopping the trade, on the one hand they oppose it and want it to end, but on the other they want to continue protesting and have no desire to return to their previously atomised existence. Local residents, many of whom have never been part of any campaign, are enjoying the thrill of direct action, the satisfaction of sticking a finger up to the authorities and refusing to compromise. It is this spirit of sheer awkwardness, a refusal to give in, and a determination to continue until they get what they want that is inspiring. Also it is the way they go about getting what they want that is important. Shoreham protesters are not interested in politicians and their interminable lying and stitch-ups, you only have to witness the total contempt with which Waldegrave's announcement on journey times was greeted.

But on the other hand there is far too much tolerance for media celebrities like Carla Lane, local MPs like Andrew Bowden (an anti-hunting, pro-animal welfare Tory), and organisations like Compassion In World Farming (who withdrew from the demos after the clashes with the police and then threatened to grass on the protesters who fought back). However such contradictions

within a campaign are part of the nature of a community struggle, in the sense that as a 'community issue' it includes anyone who claims to be against live-exports. The kind of community we want is not one that is defined geographically, like the Shoreham area, and thus by its nature includes local politicians, businessmen, and celebrities, but a community of struggle. The problem with the anti-live export campaign is that such a large number of people are in favour of ending live exports, they include local politicians, businessmen, and right-wing local newspapers. Even sections of the Shoreham harbour board were opposed to the trade because it was giving the port a bad name and deterring other custom. Sussex police opposed the trade because the protests were rapidly draining their budget, tying up their personnel, and losing them the support of many of their traditional supporters.

However instead of getting involved and trying to explode the contradictions between the mass of protesters, who wanted to end live exports through the threat of public disorder, and their would-be representatives, who wanted to win media attention and parliamentary support through respectable lobbying, Brighton politicians have remained aloof. Why? The answer seems to be because the campaign concerns the dreaded issue of 'animal rights'. If it was any other issue you wouldn't be able to move for people trying to flog you turgid papers, stuff your hands with crappy leaflets, and demand you attended their meetings to create yet new fronts for their pathetic organisations. Whilst avoiding these things has its compensations, it is more than outweighed by the fact that the campaign lacks experienced activists.



GRAN-ARCHY IN THE UK

Given the reputation, often undeserved, that Brighton has for being a centre of radicality we have to consider why its political groups proved incapable and unwilling to get involved in a struggle which was on their doorstep. And we have to examine whether this lack of involvement was merely peculiar to Brighton or whether it marks a more general inability to connect with struggles outside of our own particular community, whether that is the workplace (in the case of the SWP and to a lesser extent Militant) or the unemployed/alternative community (in the case of Justice? and Brighton Autonomists).

The SWP have been perhaps the most discredited of all the groups, their only practical involvement at Shoreham has been to go down to try and shift a few papers, on a more useful note they have used their union contacts to raise a modest amount of money to assist Shoreham defendants. The struggle at Shoreham like the

anti-CJA movement has exposed just how deeply entrapped in workerism the SWP are. By workerism I mean the idea that the workplace is the site of our power, and it is here that we should be concentrating on organising. The consequence of such an attitude is that struggles outside of the workplace are seen at best as secondary and subordinate to workplace struggles, and at worst are denounced as irrelevant and a distraction to the real struggle. So for example the SWP tried to connect to the anti-CJA struggle by saying the act was really all about trying to prevent picketing, presumably all the arrests of sabs and eco-warriors etc are just a smoke screen to divert us. Such workerist attitudes basically end in the demand that we get a job, join a union and go on strike.

However for many young people who might have previously joined the SWP there is now a choice between getting involved in the anti-CJA/direct action movement which means hanging out with people of your



Above. One timber importer gets it in the neck to the tune of £800,000 when one of its warehouses is arsoned. The protests didn't just hit the livestock exporters. The constant blockades meant that the other firms at Shoreham 'went through the most financially damaging two months many of them have experienced' (1). Companies at Shoreham include BP, Texeco, dredging firms and timber firms. Shoreham is the second biggest importer of dead trees in the country; importing from the wildernesses of Brazil, Canada, the US, Scandinavia and eastern Europe. It is Britain's biggest importer of Russian woods. ARC, one of Britain's largest quarry companies, (who are responsible for Whatley Quarry in Somerset-see regional reports), have lost so much trade they are considering moving. Shipping agent Jim Glover said: " Frequently you can be stranded on the port side of the police cordon in a queue of 60 vehicles waiting to get out." HA HA HA! (1) Evening Argus, 15.3.95.

own age, going to parties, taking drugs, living in trees, d-locking yourself to bulldozers, squatting, fighting with the cops etc or you can go to meetings about Trotsky and stand outside supermarkets trying to sell papers. Consequently it appears the SWP has suffered a drop in its youth membership, and given that students and ex-students are its life-blood it appears to be in crisis. The only thing that is keeping it going appears to be the ANL. Given that the SWP had nothing to say about Shoreham beyond stating how 'under socialism' factory farming would be more efficient and animal research would be even better, and that we should all get a job and join in the 'real struggle', they resorted to claiming that the BNP had been down at Shoreham leafleting against live-exports. To my knowledge this is completely untrue and I have heard no mention of it. It is possible fascists have been to Shoreham, but they have not done so openly and have made no attempt to distribute their filth. And given the number of sabs and the attitude of the local residents any fascists who tried to openly organise at the demos would have been severely kicked in, not to mention the fact that the police would probably have arrested them on sight to try and avoid provoking yet more public disorder.

It is right to claim that there was a little-Englander mentality among some of the protesters, particularly at the beginning, which saw live-exports bound for veal crates as yet another example of the decadent and wicked nature of 'Johnny foreigner' and as a reason why the British state should immediately withdraw from the European Union. Some Tory 'blue-rinse' types at Shoreham did hold this view, one which was articulated by a Daily Express article, that was photocopied and distributed by some of the more naive protesters. This article expressing outrage at French Muslims importing sheep for a religious festival simply allowed the Daily Mail to give vent to its prejudices, allowing them to attack not only French people in general but French Muslims in particular. However such attitudes among the Shoreham protesters are more than outweighed by people's new found realisation of the nature of factory farming in Britain, and their opposition to a British

veal industry.

Members of Militant have been much more directly involved in the campaign at Shoreham, but when they have done so it has not been explicitly as members of Militant. They have got involved on their own initiative, initially in the face of hostility from other members of their party, who have failed to adjust to the new realities of life outside of Labour Party subcommittees. Given their experience of canvassing and community organising, particularly in places like Pollok, Militant seem to be gearing up to take a major role in the campaign against live-exports at Dover, through their anti-CJA front the Kent Defiance Alliance.



Startled Mr.Lacey? Thought you had just taken a job managing an obscure little port, then suddenly there are streetbattles outside your office, your car gets trashed- 4 times, you can't go shopping without being attacked- by grannies, your house gets trashed and you have to move 2 times, your wife leaves you and your kids won't talk to you. Bad career move eh Phillip.

Whilst the trots have been unable to connect to Shoreham, because it isn't a workplace struggle, other groups like Brighton's anti-CJA organisation Justice? have failed to get involved in any meaningful sense. Justice? did go to Shoreham en-masse on a couple of occasions, but the novelty soon wore off. Even though 10% or more of its active members have been arrested at Shoreham there has been little collective involvement, beyond some office support for the defendants and regular Schnews coverage of protests. Given that Justice? was and probably still is the largest and most active of the anti-CJA organisations its failure to break out of the alternative ghetto and connect with a real community struggle is disturbing. Justice's lack of collective involvement is attributable to all the usual reasons, e.g. the fact that most of the or-

ganisational work is done by a few very over-worked people, that it was busy organising squats in Brighton, and that many people were off doing direct action at places as far apart as Pollok, Solsbury Hill, and even Berlin!

But its lack of involvement can't simply be reduced to this, it's more the case that the anti-live-export campaign was never seen as a priority for Justice?, this was partly because the police have not used the CJA on a large scale at Shoreham. Only two people have been charged with aggravated trespass and both charges were thrown out of court. Also Justice's disconnection from Shoreham reflects the fact that most of the sabs in the



Brighton area have chosen not to get involved in Justice?, and most members of Justice? are not interested in sabbing. In the absence of a large sab presence within Justice?, pushing the organisation to get actively involved in the anti-live-export campaign, Shoreham was always going to remain a side-issue. More importantly, Justice's failure to connect with a real community struggle was mainly due to the fact that most of its members see themselves as part of an alternative community of young unemployed, one which is ill at ease with a community struggle made up of so called 'ordinary people' many of whom are middle aged and have jobs.

Most disturbing was the predictable failure of Brighton Autonomists to get involved in the struggle at Shoreham, beyond supporting individual defendants. As the most together political group in the Brighton area, comprising an assortment of anarchists and communists, it has been able to avoid both the pitfalls of workerism and the isolation of the alternative ghetto. And significantly it is well aware of the importance of community organisation given its involvement in the anti poll-tax campaign. The reason it has refused to get involved at Shoreham is simply because it sees it as merely an animal rights issue. As a group it is opposed to both the ideology and practice of the animal rights movement. The leading members of Brighton Autonomists are representative of the mid 80's split in the anarcho movement between class struggle anarchists and animal rights activists. Indeed they were actively involved in this acrimonious rupture and its personal recriminations still haven't been forgotten by either side. If the struggle at Shoreham was about any other issue all the members of Brighton Autonomists would be actively involved.

For Brighton Autonomists animal rights is seen as a liberal side issue with no potential for connecting to anything else. Some of their criticisms are valid. Unlike our fellow humans they can't organise themselves or make their own demands. We can't have relations of solidarity with animals, because they can't struggle. We can only have relations of sympathy with them, projecting our own feelings of alienation and powerlessness onto dewy eyed calves as symbols of purity and innocence in a world out of our control. But it has to be said that the fact that people are moved to confront the state by the suffering of animals at least gives us hope that people are not completely alienated. Also Brighton Autonomists criticism of the obsessive insularity of many people in the animal rights ghetto strikes a cord with anyone who has spent time in Brighton. But at the very moment when the anti live-export campaign is involving local communities in daily confrontation with the state, groups like Brighton Autonomists can only sit on the sidelines and

worry about the expansion of the animal rights movement.

Conclusion

Over the last six months we've seen a local community coming together and using direct action to oppose live-exports. Residents have quickly learnt that direct action means confronting the police, which means risking arrest and should mean supporting those who have been arrested. Local people have faced down and humiliated Sussex police, who were forced to call in the Met and other forces to put down the protests. Despite having their area invaded by over a thousand police and almost four hundred people arrested, local residents have refused to be intimidated. Most importantly Shoreham residents have won, the exporters have pulled out because Sussex police could only afford to escort convoys two days a week, and this didn't allow the traders to make a profit. Not only has the public order operation almost bankrupted Sussex police, but it has earned them the undying hatred of the most active protesters. People who previously supported the police now treat them with contempt.

Some protesters are now making connections between their struggles and those of other working class communities. I've heard middle aged protesters taunt the police about the Bradford riots. I've seen previously respectable Shoreham ladies holding a police doll, voodoo style, engaged in a heated argument about which coppers need pins sticking in them. And at a meeting, after the end of shipments from Shoreham, 700 local residents cheered when one of the speakers tentatively pointed out that the police were agents of the state whose role was to protect politicians and the rich. This was followed by proposals for Waldegrave to do a sponsored parachute jump with only an empty rucksack.

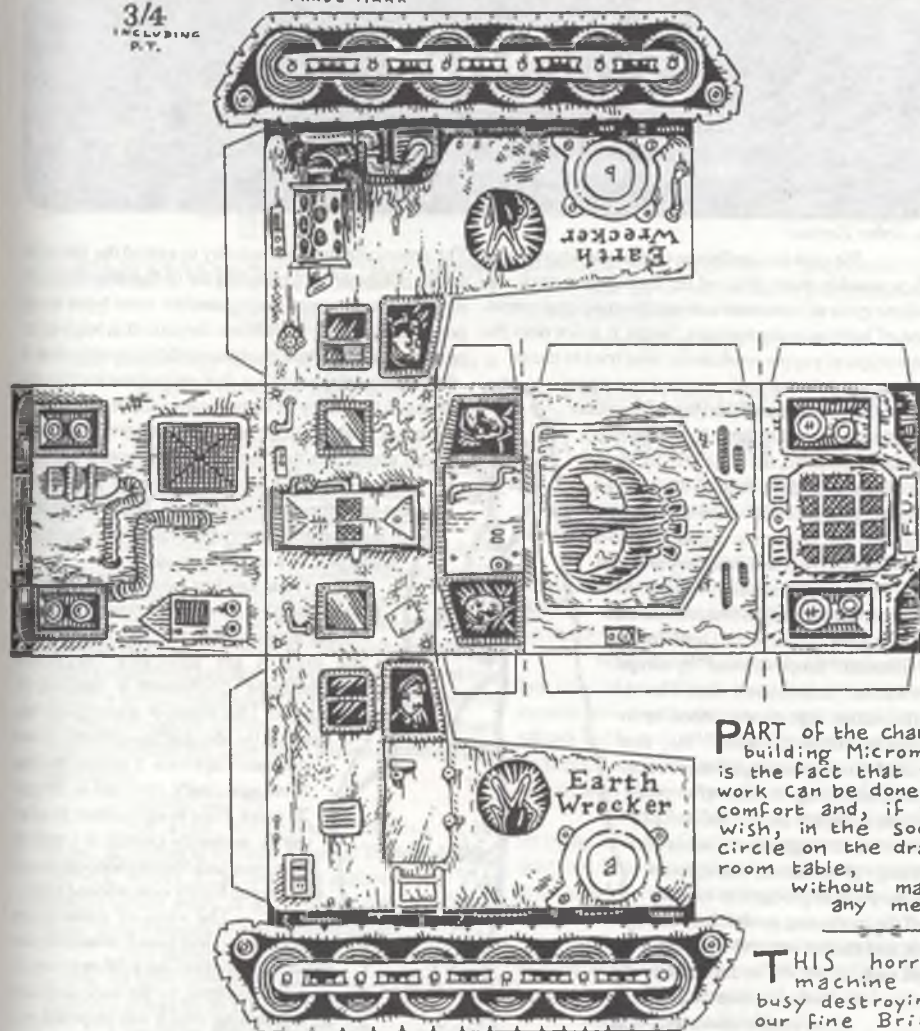
Furthermore many protesters don't see the stopping of live-exports from Shoreham as the end, they see it as an opportunity to get involved in other struggles either at Dover or against the local Shamrock monkey farm. Many people are enjoying the feeling of solidarity that comes from standing together against the state and have no wish to return to their previous existence. For many the campaign against live-exports is the best thing that ever happened to them. It is up to local activists, who have been involved at Shoreham, to show these people that they can use the same tactics in other situations. As eco-activists when we talk about 'community support' we normally mean a few people bringing us cups of tea. Imagine what effect three hundred local residents who were prepared to disrupt road-construction on a daily basis would have.

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YOUR WORKSHOP
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Feral

Fer-ul adj. wild, or existing in a state of nature, as freely occurring animals or plants; having reverted to the wild state from domestication.

By John Zerzan

We exist in a landscape of absence wherein real life is steadily being drained out by debased work, the hollow cycle of consumerism and the mediated emptiness of high tech dependency. Today it is not only the stereotypical yuppie workaholic who tries to cheat despair via activity, preferring not to contemplate a fate no less sterile than that of the planet and (domesticated) subjectivity in general. We are confronted, none the less, by the ruins of nature and the ruin of our own nature, the sheer enormity of the meaninglessness and the inauthentic amounting to a weight of lies. It's still drudgery and toxicity for the vast majority, while a poverty more absolute than financial renders more vacant the universal Dead Zone of civilisation. "Empowerment" by computerization? Infantilised, more like. An Information Age characterised by increased communication? No, that would presuppose experience worth communicating. A time of unprecedented respect for the individual? Translation: wage-slavery needs the strategy of worker self-management at the point of production to stave off the continuing productivity crisis, and market research must target each "life-style" in the interest of a maximised consumer culture.

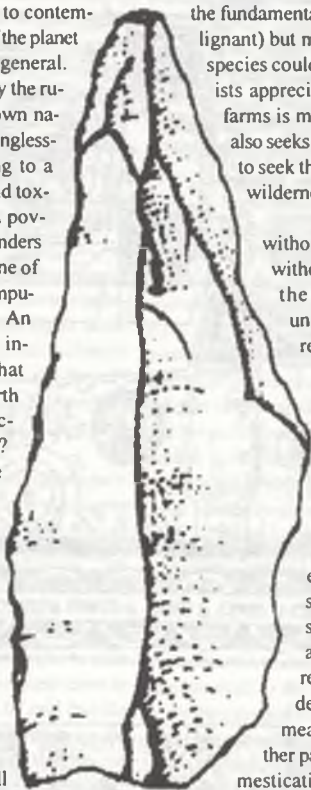
In the upside-down society the solution to massive alienation-induced drug use is a media barrage. In the industrialized culture of irreversible depression, isolation, and cynicism, the spirit will die first, the death of the planet an afterthought. That is, unless we erase this rotting order, all of its categories and dynamics.

Meanwhile, the parade of partial (and for that reason false) oppositions proceeds on its usual routes.

The greens and their like who try to extend the life of the racket of electoralism, based on the lie that there is validity in any person representing another; these types would perpetuate just one more home for protest in leigh of the real thing. Earth First! recognises that domestication is the fundamental issue (e.g. that agriculture itself is malignant) but many of its partisans cannot see that our species could become wild. Radical environmentalists appreciate that the turning of forests into tree farms is merely a part of the over all project that also seeks their own suppression. But they will have to seek the wild everywhere rather than merely in wilderness as a separate preserve.

Freud saw that there is no civilisation without the forcible renunciation of instincts, without monumental coercion. But, because the masses are basically "lazy and unintelligent" civilisation is justified, he reasoned. This model or prescription was based on the idea that pre-civilised life was brutal and deprived- a notion that has been, amazingly, reversed in the past 20 years. Prior to agriculture, in other words, humanity existed in a state of grace, ease and communion with nature that we can barely comprehend today.

The vista of authenticity emerges as no less than a wholesale dissolution of civilisations edifice of repression, which Freud, by the way, described as "something which was imposed on a resisting majority by a minority which understood how to obtain possession of the means to power and coercion." We can either passively continue on the road to utter domestication and destruction or turn in the direction of joyful upheaval, passionate and feral embrace of wildness and life that aims at dancing on the ruins of clocks, computers and that failure of imagination and will called work. Can we justify our lives by anything less than such a politics of rage and dreams?





CYBER NORA

MONKEYWRENCHING IN CYBER-SPACE

Their technology makes them powerful, but it also makes them vulnerable!

'Techno-wizards have been hacking their way into the heart of the American Military.. The Pentagon confessed yesterday that joyriders have been using the Internet, which links computer systems worldwide, to look at new aircraft and ship design, simulated battle plans and correspondence. The raiders have taken over whole defence systems, and closed them down.

Michael Higgins, of the Defence Information Systems Agency, said the break-ins were affecting the Defence Department's military readiness. Hackers need only install a simple programme to snatch every password passing through the system, and store them for later use. Experts estimate that more than a million passwords have been stolen'

Guardian, 22.7.94

'An even more prevalent risk is the virus...according to the latest Dept. of Trade and Industry/NCC survey, 832 companies suffered 1,029 virus attacks in two years, at an estimated cost of £4,000 a time, (which sounds like an underestimate).

One unfortunate outfit spent £100,000 wiping a virus off three surfers and more than 200 Pc's, after it had been spread by an infected antivirus disk....'

Computing Magazine, 19.5.94

'The most graphic example of the huge amount of money that can be lost through 'voice-mail squatters' occurred recently in the US when a group of hackers broke into a corporate voice-mail box. The company's communication system, like many, allowed mail-box users to access outside telephone lines through an internal telephone exchange. Within a few hours, instructions on how to access the boxes had been distributed to at least 200 hackers who immediately began using the lines

en masse, sending the company's telephone bill into the stratosphere. By the end of one weekend they had spent \$1.4m, (£933,000).'

Independent, 10.10.94

"COMPUTER CRIME WAVE HITS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Contractors, consultants and other industry bodies are suffering mounting losses from a rising trend in organised crime.

Recent victims include Wimpey [Pollock], Costain [Cardiff Bay], Blue Circle [many S-West quarries], WS Atkins [M11], the Highways Agency and the British Roads Federation.

When the British Roads Federation was broken into last year it took more than two months and a considerable improvement to the security of the organisation's Old Kent Road premises before insurers stumped up the cash to replace stolen equipment. Now BRF staff remove hard disks every night to safeguard information.

Another firm which has improved security after being raided is Costain. A company spokesperson described the thieves' methods as dashing expensive equipment to the ground, removing the chips and leaving a trail of wreckage behind them.

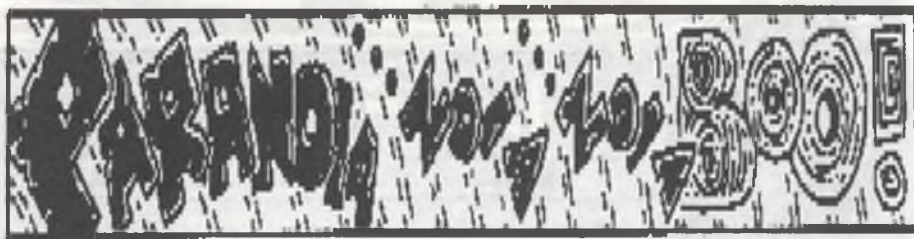
At Wimpey, thefts meant that computer staff had to work over the Sunday and Whitsun Bank Holiday Monday to replace damaged and stolen kit."

-Contract Journal, 8 June 95.

From Ecodefence!

'Pry off access panels until you are looking in at rows of circuit boards. Turn the unit on, stand well back and toss salt water on the circuits from a water bottle-watch the circuits fry. Salt water is far more conductive of electricity than plain water, and also corrosive. Even after drying out, the salt will remain and continue to corrode circuit board copper and IC Pins whenever the humidity is high enough'.

Eliminate the Information Age!



IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK !

An account of recent Special Branch harassment of Militant Greens by Oxford Green Anarchists.

Since march 1995, Hampshire Special Branch have carried out at least 17 raids against green anarchist and animal liberation targets, a dozen of which found their targets and four of which led to arrests for conspiracy to produce materials inciting criminal damage by fire.

ROBINWEBB

The raids seem to have the goal of further framing ALF press officer Robin Webb. Robin was remanded in HMP Winchester after being arrested by Hampshire Special Branch in late 1994. This for the 'crime' of passing a Poultry Liberation Organisation (PLO) press release on the contamination of eggs on to the media. As Robin is the ALF press officer, some might think he was just doing his job!

At the time the cops admitted they'd pressed the charge to shut him up. Last year the Metropolitan Police had tried to frame Robin by planting a sawn off shot gun in the boot of his car during a visit to Sussex. Unlike previous ALF press officers Robin has been careful not to break the law himself leaving the cops to make desperate and then more desperate attempts to frame him. For the cops it is a priority to maintain the idea of the 'terrorist threat' in the face of a widely popular anti-live export protests.

Inside HMP Winchester the cops are continuing their attempts to frame Robin, they've forced him into an ID parade as a supposed bomb planter. Meanwhile on the outside they use pliant journalists to plant stories in the media about the ALF turning to firearms.

THERAIDS

First Green Anarchist and then independent anti fascist researcher Larry O'Hara *1 convincingly argued that Robin had been framed for the shotgun cartridge in and attempt to silence him as a press officer. When the cops raided his house they found a large quantity of 'Green Anarchist', GA was at that time the only magazine to advertise, albeit under disclaimer, 'Into The 90's With The ALF'. Hampshire Special Branch then assumed that he was part of a sinister sabotage manual distribution network. This conveniently justified a warrant to raid Green Anarchist. The cops goal was to present the diffuse informal networks which pass information from hand to hand as a hierarchical organisation with Robin at the top.

At the start of March 1995 Hampshire Special Branch raided GA's ex-public address with a warrant justified by the offence of 'conspiracy to produce materials inciting criminal damage by fire'. They use info from that raid to turn over two more Oxford addresses a fortnight later. At one of these, they arrested GA's editor and seized his computer, discs and records, including copies of 200AD comic, dangerous material indeed!

GA's printers *2 turned informer with two other figures on the edge of GA leading the people behind GA mail order and people involved with Lancaster Bomber and Eco-Vegan, were also arrested for 'conspiracy to produce materials inciting criminal damage by fire', and had computers, typewriters and records seized. They took all sorts of stuff including Lancaster Bomber's copy of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations, taken as 'subversive'; maybe they liked the film.

Those arrested were put on police bail, the cop-

pers goal had been to disrupt the production of GA. The GA subs list had to be destroyed and subscribers are advised to use a secure name and address when getting in contact in future. The cheque book was pinched and the bank manager had been fed with loads of lies about how the account was being used to fund 'criminal activity' eventually he was persuaded to supply a new one. This did however give the cops the change to go through cheques for address, readers are reminded that cheques are traceable. Mail interception at the Monomarks box has been intense so that now all GA contacts have been advised to acknowledge all mail received, so if your letter to GA isn't acknowledged then it didn't get there.

The next day, March 15th, there were two more raids on who the cops see as the new press officer and the editor of the ALF Supporters Group. Other people raided include two old ladies who'd just written letters of support to Robin Webb in prison, who's the terrorist now?

HOMETRUTHS

Some ecowarriors out there don't see the animal direct action and eco defense as having anything in common, this is foolish and the police certainly don't labour under such illusions.

GA aren't on the usual list of people pulled in

the event of contamination hoaxes, so the tenuous links with Robin Webb don't explain the cops behaviour. Our intelligent readers will no doubt have noted that this is the same Hampshire Special Branch that worked hand in hand with Brays security over Twyford in 1992-3 and , probably the only south coast force which hasn't had a live export port on their patch.

Through publications like GA, Do or Die , Partizan, The Terraist and Into the 90's, which draws heavily on Eco-defense: A field guide to monkeywrenching, the state has seen a general convergence of militant concern for animals and active concern for the earth. Since 1993 the Animal Rights National Index (ARNI) has been extended to include ecowarriors. We speculate that Twyford was the first big influx of green info for the Special Branch. Special Branch used their contacts at Reliant Security (Solsbury Hill, Bath) and the Sunday Times journalist John Harlow to plant the first major anti-green smear with the now famous 'Green Guerrillas booby-trap sites' *3. Having pumped the media with lies about 'animal rights terrorists' they thought they'd try the same tactic on the eco warriors.

The end of the cold war and the cease-fire in the 6 counties have intensified interagency competition to stake claim to surveillance of the 'eco terrorist threat' as

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a job preservation scheme. MI5's interventions in the shape of agent provocateurs Tim Hepple and Stuart McCulleogh are dealt with by O'Hara *1 in his book, which outlines that agencies attempts to use the green direct action movement to surve their purposes. ARNI has now been expanded to a national police unit. When ARNI was set up as nationally accessible data base in 1984 the false arrest of Beds And Bucks hunt sabs under the Prevention of



Terrorism Act justified the seizure of BUAV's entire membership lists vastly expanding ARNI's database. Only weeks after GA was raided so was Greenpeace. The raiding of the Greenpeace HQ was justified by the Aldermarston demo, the membership records taken will have added hundreds of thousands of names to ARNI.

REVOLUTION

Those who read this and find it surprising should read up on the history of the secret British State. These people see all dissent as dangerous and have no novie ideas about democracy. If they don't like a government they change it, the destabilisation of the Wilson government is now well documented. If the media smears upset you then remember it gets worse. The secret state has and will fabricate atrocities and then blame it on radical groups, the saddest thing is when people inside the movement repeat media lies as facts.

If we limit ourselves to civil disobedience and appeals to their 'common humanity' their response will be to throw everything they've got to preserve their power and privilege draconian laws and dirty tricks, infiltration and misrepresentation, blacklisting and brute force, using both their own uniformed thugs and vigilantes, lumpen crims or fascist proxies.

Democracy is a ritual involving scratching crosses onto a piece of paper every five years. The last significant change in the ruling class of Britain happened when Cromwell kicked out the monarchy, and then they came back. The secret state exists to preserve ruling class privilege, to keep the rich rich and the powerful powerful. It's goal is to isolate discontent and then discredit it, if that doesn't work it destroys it. The only solution is to KICK IT ALL OVER not to install a new set of leaders

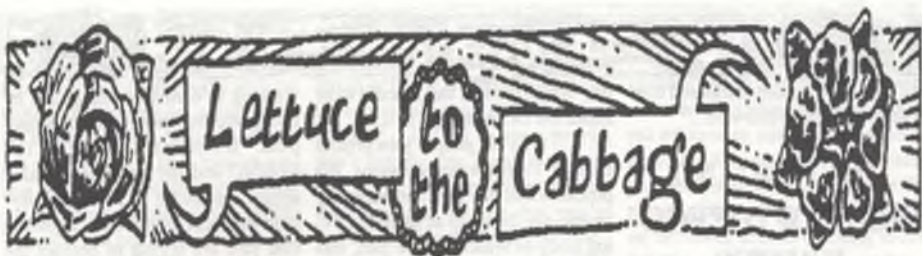
but to destroy power itself - this is revolution. What's needed in response to the violence of the powerful is revolutionary action to destroy their power - clandestinely like the ALF when necessary, openly through riots and general disorder when possible.

We make no apologies for our anger, we write this as people are on bail for an offence that has been used to jail the editors of the SG and Arkangel in the past. The next issue of GA, issue 38, has come out GA have refused to be intimidated by the interference of the 'security services'. This article is written to keep people informed, the most dangerous cop is the one in your head the one who stops you doing something. Hopefully this article will spread prudence not inaction.

NOQUARTER

The movement has been held back by 'hostages'. When Fisons were trashed at thorn Moor in 1991 London Efers! forgot their 'Neither condemn nor condone' attitude and refused to approve the action because they feared they be raided. At Twyford for example the dongas camp eventually forbade any action against road building other than their passive presence in case it brought retaliation from the road builders. Then came yellow Wednesday and the campaign began again. People who insist on strict non violence from protesters at other road camps are always quick to condemn protester violence but then accept violence of security and cops.

- (1) Turning up the Heat :MI5 after the Cold War, Pheonix press 1994.
- (2) Chiltern Offset of Amersham.
- (3) Sunday Times July 3, 1994.



PHILLIPPINO VOLUNTEERSFOR EARTHDEFENCE

Dear Friends,

Warmest greetings! We are a group who organise and commit ourselves to the defence of the environment. Most of our members did some volunteering and support actions with some environmental groups. Our dissatisfaction to the compromising postures of most environment groups, compelled us to engage in direct and radical actions. We named our group of mountaineers, climbers, divers, nature lovers, artisans, conservationists and others as 'Volunteers for Earth Defence'.

Co-operation among like groups of similar actions, lightens the tasks. Hence, we humbly request your generous support, by way of exchanging experiences, information's, correspondences and if possible, various action skills and techniques. We would equally appreciate our inclusion on your mailing list. You can course future correspondence through the undersigned.

We realise the burden on your group, just heeding our various requests. Thus, we fully commit ourselves to whatever would be required of us by our future co-operation.

Whatever response you would extend us would be deeply appreciated and may we strengthen our linkages and solidarity in defending the Earth and its future.

Thank you and sincerely yours,

Alexander A.Orlino,189

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Quezon City, Philippines

The following was written by someone who played a very special and important role in the campaign at Twyford Down which saw the emergence of the travelling environmental protester. She was one of the original Dongas Tribe and we have a lot to thank her for. Many people who are new to this "scene" may not have met her as she has had to keep her

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head down (she has a few warrants out for arrest due to her active role at Twyford Down). However she is very much out there, still doing the good work, still fighting for this amazing planet and still has the incredible magic that made her such a special person at Twyford. Please listen to her words as she speaks for a few of us who were there at the beginning who feel that the incredible energy that gave birth to this "movement" has somehow been lost and forgotten.



Forest violence



We only get one shot at this and time is short so let's do this well...

THE RISE (AND FALL?) OF THE EGO-WARRIOR

Two years ago, in the rain and mud, the Dongas Tribe were defending Twyford Down. Apart from visits from local EF!-ers and campaigners, the direct action anti-road campaign nationally numbered 25 people and a goat. We were calling out for people and publicity...it was hard enough to get local papers to cover the story. And when the land was raped on "Yellow Wednesday" we told the shites in nylon armour and their sinister employers that they would reap their Karma for destroying such a sacred site. Two years on and the "whirligig of time has bought in its revenge" - the anti-road movement is huge, the government is being forced to listen - there are protests all over Britain.

There are hundreds of people who have given all of their time, love and energy to stop the machine of "progress"....who have sat in trees for months enduring weather and forcible eviction - the incredible Mad Max barricades at the M11, hours of hard work and dedication; people who have cooked meals for hungry hundreds, been arrested, assaulted and imprisoned; spent their giro's on nails for tree platforms and D-locks....the list is endless. Not to mention all the PR with the local communities, education and communication on both sides, the establishing of an understanding and a common cause. I'd like to pay tribute to the amazing colourful many faceted chaotic fractal of people who have come together to keep the earth green; it's an ever-expanding movement with many directions, a plant growing from a strong seed. And we'd all like to see it flourish.

ish. Which is why I feel I should write about the DOWNSIDE to it all.

Why do people join protest camps? There are many reasons. It's probable that like the Dongas, many people see the earth as sacred, a living body of which we are part, and see themselves as guardians of the earth. There are many reasons why people protest - political, ethical, moral - some of the motivations, however, are mis-directed and often dangerous.

These days security guards are hired from day one. It's a potentially heavy situation and some people arrive prepared for a tussle - expecting, almost willing, a confrontational scene. I think it's true to say that quite a lot of people like to show how badly hurt they got, how grim it was, etc. Sometimes getting hurt is unavoidable. But glorifying it is dangerous. A successful action is where NO ONE IS HURT, when security has been talked to, and lastly if work has been stopped. People guilt-trip themselves into believing that if they don't get dragged off by their hair at least three machines a day, then they are not doing anything. If possible, it's better to save your energy and wait for more numbers, than to do an action hopelessly outnumbered - there's plenty of other things that need doing. The washing up for instance. Designing a new leaflet.

It boils down to what you are in it for. The glory? Newcomers to campaigns have sat around for DAYS waiting to be told what's going on, while newspaper reporters are frowned on. The poor sod who actually bothers to clean the porridge pot never gets their picture in the Guardian....

Bad motivation affects the energy of the camp as a whole, especially on actions (as does bad communication, many people do their first action totally unprepared) - if people are going on site expecting a fight, or

wanting to earn brownie-points by being arrested, then it normally happens. It's called SYMPATHETIC MAGIC and the opposite can also apply. Believing in your own psychic/physical protection, knowing that you are trying to protect the Earthspirit and that it in turn is protecting you, ensures that you radiate safety and love. A group of people with this feeling is incredibly strong. Wearing face-paints, playing drums, singing songs isn't a side issue. It's essential. Music can diffuse potentially violent situations. Singing empowers you and makes security perceive you as less as a threat. Police and workers respond differently to happy, smiling, singing people than to bolshy, mouthy, self righteous ranters. Sometimes, anyway. It's worth trying. I've been on several actions this year where work has been stopped for a few minutes, but in a terrible atmosphere, with insults hurled at security and very little in the way of colour, energy, let alone music, from protesters.

People were totally miserable and tired. Two things - firstly, people get put off and they don't come back. Secondly - back to guilt tripping. If you are physically and mentally exhausted, you are not doing yourself or the group any favours by going on an action. ENERGY in campaigns is a precious resource, often abused. If you go on a site with no energy, you drain it from those around you. You can't run as fast, you lose your temper quicker; you're more likely to get hurt. You become a liability and what is worse you affect how other people behave too. Don't guilt trip yourself; none of us are indispensable, a day chilling out and cooking a meal would benefit everyone more (sometimes you just have to keep going - tree squatting etc. These are different situations. Most of the time people make a conscious decision to go on actions). It is wor-

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rying to see so many people with the attitude that anyone not going on site is "lunching out". Sometimes they are (see below). Often they're getting wood, water, putting up communal dwellings, taking rubbish off site - jobs that are just as vital to the campaign.

...Back to energy levels. If your base is full of stoned people, littered with food wrappings and brew can something is wrong. If people don't care about their personal environment, why are they trying to save the earth? It's hard but piss takers have to be asked to get it together or LEAVE. It drains energy - you've got to clean up after them and they've eaten all the food. It creates a bad impression for visitors. These people are blagging into festivals, calling themselves road protesters (and Dongas) and giving us all a bad name - even amongst the hippies!

Something else is putting people off. **PROTESTERS' EGOS.** Someone's been on a camp for a month and suddenly they know it all - hey, they've been arrested four times and been bitten by a security guard - they're too important to talk to shy newcomers or to wash their bloody plate up. It's the holier-than-thou attitude of the "Summer Campaigner", who assumes that every "straight" person knows bugger all and is doing bugger all about the situation. I heard a horror story that a Newbury women who had been campaigning for years was sneered at because she lived in a house with her two kids and not in a bender!! The fact that she had been coping with campaigning work as well as being a single mother is, I suppose, not relevant. Well where were these wonderful "tribal" bender-dwellers last Winter? Fair enough if you can't hack it, but don't ponce around being "ethnic" if it is not genuine. Certainly not at other people's expense. A lot of people who have spent years either researching local

issues or living alternative lifestyles have been alienated BY US. Get humble! LISTEN to other people, don't assume you know it all - you don't. Our role is not to muscle in, take over and assume that you're somehow better than everyone else.

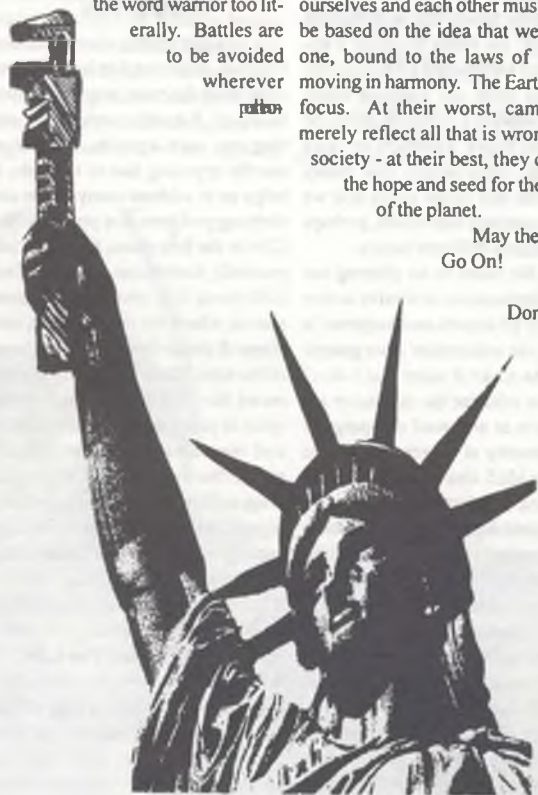
So there you have it - **THE EGO WARRIOR.** On every campaign there are these people strutting around, showing off, snubbing others, grabbing the glory. Most of them do nothing to help with the running of the campaign, and they are a real danger on site with their macho-aggressive attitudes (it comes from taking the word warrior too literally. Battles are to be avoided wherever

violence comes from thoughts as well as deeds). People who aren't instantly put off tend to start behaving similarly. Luckily the majority of campaigners, bonded to Mother Earth, simply get on with it. It's up to all of us, however, to start thinking about WHY we are doing it. If you have felt the wild wet spirit of Nature call you'll do anything to protect it...start by protecting YOURSELF, as part of Nature, and the group. Help keep energy levels high in whatever way you choose. If you think there's a problem, TALK about it.

Our attitude to the campaign, ourselves and each other must surely be based on the idea that we are all one, bound to the laws of nature, moving in harmony. The Earth is our focus. At their worst, campaigns merely reflect all that is wrong with society - at their best, they contain the hope and seed for the future of the planet.

May the Dance
Go On!

Alex
Donga



FATWA!



OFFENSIVELY DEFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVELY OFFENSIVE?

The recent victory that the anti-roads movement in the UK has had in changing public opinion and government policy towards road-building is a great success for the tactics of direct action, but we must be very careful not to become complacent and rest on our laurels, as there is still much to fight for. After all the press hype about the government "slashing" the roads program, it appears that so far only £4 billion has been cut from the planned roads budget, leaving £19 billion still to be spent on more destructive road schemes. This means that many places are still under threat and we need to continue our efforts, perhaps using slightly different tactics.

We seem to be placing too much emphasis on defensive action which to all intents and purposes is playing the authorities' own games. I want to make it clear that I don't intend to criticise the defensive actions seen at anti-road campaigns - most recently at Claremont Rd and up at the M65. I have nothing but respect and admiration for everyone who risked themselves on the roofs of Claremont, but defensive actions are not enough. The fact that there has never been more than 500 people at any direct action road protest in this country, means that the state currently has the resources to trash us. We have not turned them back from an eviction yet, and without many more people getting involved in direct action, we won't be able to. What we need to do is to take the battle to their territory, so we can call the shots more easily, instead of continually reacting to their moves. This is why I believe actions such as the Bailey Bridge at

Twyford and Operation Road-block at the M11, are far more damaging and worrying for them to deal with and are thus the ways in which we will win. It may seem a cliché, but it is true to say that the best form of defence is attack.

Yours,
A fluffy rabbit

THE DIGGERS WOULD BE SPINNING IN THEIR GRAVES!

I care greatly about land distribution, believing it to be one of the most, if not the most, important issues facing us. It enables us to begin setting our own agenda, instead of merely opposing that of the state, it helps us to address many of the underlying problems that prompted the CJA in the first place, and most importantly, it raises the question of establishing our own autonomous spaces, where we can cultivate, celebrate & create free of the dead hand of the state. We have already experienced the first glimmerings of this spirit in places such as Claremont rd and the various squatted centres around the country. Now, in a logical progression, we can begin to think bigger, and apply the possibilities that our activities have highlighted to the land, and cities, as a whole.

It is for this reason - seemingly squandered opportunities - that I found the 'Reclaim The Land' in Surrey so disappointing. Instead of giving our imaginations free rein, we seemed to police ourselves, settling - as ever - for second best. First, the venue was changed at the last minute, from the symbolically important St. George's Hill (once the site of the Diggers land occupation, now the home of a Golf Course and some of England's most disgustingly

wealthy), to the old airfield at Wisley, several miles away. To my mind - unlike St. George's Hill - this rather unimpressive site challenged, and signified, nothing. Secondly, some of the statements of the organisers indicated that this was a campaign determined to emasculate itself from the very start. The land is a priceless recourse, monopolised by a few to the detriment of the many, and that privilege is not something they will give up easily. Yet the organisers were using the language of the elite - St. George's Hill had been rejected as a venue because the likelihood of "Criminal Damage" on our part was apparently to high; never mind the (perfectly legal) "Criminal Damage" inflicted on the land by the golf course, with its neatly clipped lawns and chemical saturated turf. Furthermore, it seemed that "The land is Ours" was not in the business of taking anybody's "Private Property" away from them. Aside from the issue of whether the land actually belongs to anybody, such "Private Property" was won by the sword and a system of extortion and enclosure in the first place. In the present day, exclusion from the "Private property" of the big landowners is a major part of what keeps us down. All of this is what the original diggers were fighting against - But no, today's campaigners will settle for such weak goals as opening up Public Access (NOT occupation) to the land, reforming (admittedly idiotic) planning guide-lines, and so on. This is not likely to have the land owning elite quaking in their boots.

Finally, too much people on the march to St. George's Hill that eventually took place (against the wishes of the organisers) foolishly followed the directions of the police. This meant that we took a roundabout, albeit beautiful, route through the woods that suited the police down to the ground. Instead, we could have taken the direct route across the A3's

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Pedestrian Crossing-which would have presented a golden opportunity for a reclamation of land EN ROUTE to St.George's Hill- A mass trespass A la Twyford Down summer of last year. Do we really want to be told where to go and what to do by the Police? (In the meeting beforehand, one person even asked the police what they thought about our plans for a march. The Officer replied, as if he had to remind us, that " That is a matter for you to decide- it's YOUR march".)

A message to the organisers:
"Be realistic-Demand the 'impossible'". Don't compromise now, before you've even started!

- Anon,

P.S. This letter was submitted for inclusion in the shhNEWS, it was not printed. In fact a piece almost

entirely consisting of the view that it was a success was. It is interesting to note that the shhNEWS can print an article slagging of (correctly) the SWP for their Windsor debacle, it is after all safe to criticise them, everyone hates the SWP. But when someone criticises an action that is seen to be part of OUR movement then it's a different story. Since the original writing of this letter some of the planning regulation demands of 'This land is their land' have been accepted by Oxfordshire County Council. Rather than a sign of strength, this is a sign of weakness. If one's demands are so menial that they can actually be accepted without much difficulty, by the institutions that your actions oppose, it's a pretty good indication of the uselessness of your demands. Lest we forget what and who we are fighting

against, lets recall the following verses of Rosselson's song of the diggers, 'The world turned upside down', sung at so many EF! camp fires!

"The sin of property we do disdain,

No one has any right to buy and sell the earth for private gain,

By theft and murder, they took the land,

Now everywhere the walls spring up at their command."

AND THE SINGLE ISSUE SAID TO THE TOTALITY

Direct action campaigns focus on single issues- road campaigns,



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live exports, homelessness etc. this often prevents us from expressing our opinion on the totality. The present system keeps peoples opinions in the realm of expertise in a particular field, resulting in the fragmentation and specialisation of our lives- ie; we cannot see the woods for the trees.

Surely however we cannot campaign successfully on single issues without addressing the social problems which cause them. In order to improve our quality of life we have to fight the present system in its entirety- and demonstrate viable alternatives. at present all direct action is doing is tinkering with the mechanics of the machine.

We must recognise that in order to create a new way of life unpolluted by the present we must eliminate the current system completely. DA is in grave danger of becoming incorporated in the system and can in

fact be interpreted and shown to the masses as a way of enriching democracy. The government permits a certain amount of deviation to demonstrate 'tolerance' and to keep the public assured that outside influences really do have a part to play in the process. in becoming a legitimate tactic in the game of influencing party policy, direct action gives power to the likes of FoE and GreenPeace, allowing them to put themselves forward as moderates, but riding on the wave of popular discontent. they, and other NGO's like them perpetuate the status quo by giving the impression of change without its actually achieving anything.

DA is the result of empowerment of the individual. It implies self control, self belief and a persons self determination. It is a way of life in itself. the other results of DA- publicity, empowering capabilities and

results of the action itself are by-products of the act- albeit something useful.

We must not fall into the trap of judging our successes by the responses of the system and not by the net results of the actions themselves. If we do, DA becomes a part of the system and not the alternative. the more we get our fluffy middle class faces accepted by the media, especially right wing newspapers, the more we are agreeing to marginalise our 'darker' side. this is the price of appeasing them. If the struggle is about a whole way of life, the idea should be to change or confront public opinion- not court it.

To have any hope of attaining any sort of sustainable future, DA must completely bypass the political system- it should not take place as a tactic, a pawn in the power game, but as an end in itself. It should never





become a tacit and 'acceptable in moderation' part of the system. DA is about acting in the now. It should become a part of everyday life- not a result of everyday life.

We must stop our campaigns being sold back to us as a commodity in the same way that revolutionary ideas are presented to us in the form of books, T-shirts and records, with the net benefit going straight back into the capitalist ideal we are trying so hard to fight.

Campaigns concentrate too much on the future and constantly compromise themselves by setting 'realistic' single issue targets. we are attempting to tackle the symptoms one by one-unless we look at the root cause and tackle that we will be fighting them for eternity. Or is it the subconscious stooping us? Don't wish for what you really don't want or you might just get it? The new transport policies we are fighting so hard to get implemented may well become that which we have to fight against to get what we really want. Surely the problem the problem is that nobody does what they really know is necessary because they are made to feel disempowered, to feel that their demands are not realistic. To tackle a single issue looks great on a leaflet-how do you change the system on a side of A5? Most people know that fundamental change is needed, but shy away from the size of the battle that looms if the future is to become a reality. To tackle one issue is an easier (and within reason necessary) option, but to ignore the realities of the struggle as a whole is dangerous, and leaves us no closer to a sustainable future.

If we don't fight against the totality of the system by understanding a campaign in the context of the wider struggle, capitalism will just rear its ugly head elsewhere. So we should live what we preach, and

rather than work with the state, we should use politicians, the media etc. in a way that will expose the state for what it is- a mask behind which the multinationals hide.

- Anon & Anon, London.

HOPE AND BOUNDARY BREAKING

Dear Dodderers

Some thoughts from your cranky neighbourhood typist, occasioned by the article on the subject of bio-diversity in this issue of Do or Die :

1) The author quotes Michael Soule and Bruce Wilcox as stating that we are seeing, effectively, the cessation of evolution - particularly in the case of large vertebrates. Apparently this is because the only remaining 'forum' for evolutionary processes to operate in - National Parks, or other large areas where land is set aside for conservation purposes - are too small to allow those processes to operate properly. Therefore, the argument goes, we are not just experiencing death on a colossal scale, but there are no new 'births' to replace the haemorrhaging species. Now I think this is a fine article, it's good to see some seriously ecologically informed debate make an appearance in DoD, and I'm sure most of the author's conclusions are (tragically) sound, BUT : I recently heard of scientific research that could partly contradict Soule and Wilcox's gloomy prognosis - apparently, biologists working in the Kruger National Park in South Africa are of the belief that a new, distinct type of cheetah is evolving there - they've tentatively christened it the 'king cheetah'.

Now I know there are dangers in complacency, but conversely I think 'eco - pessimism' is danger-

ous also - it is incredibly disempowering. I'm thinking of the school of thought typified by 'we've damaged the world irreparably, so what's the point ? Just sit back and take what you can get from the end-of-the-world party.' That is why I offer the tale of the king cheetah up to you - I would be interested in hearing a response. Personally, I'd like it very much to be true - it's a sign of



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hope, especially when conditions seem to be so adverse to it happening. And I'd rather fight for hope, and the possibility of a 'new spring', any day - rather than against a torrent of death.

2) Also, I worry that EF!, and the environmental direct action movement in general in this country, is becoming way too closely tied up with the anti-roads issue. Yeah sure, it's important, we've made a big impact and have begun to change the agenda beyond our wildest dreams, BUT: it's getting way too safe - in a way our outrage is getting reincorporated back into the bounds of 'acceptable' concern. As the author of the bio-diversity article alludes to, EF! is all about taking on the difficult jobs - and that's what road campaigning used to be. (Obviously I'm talking in ideological, rather than physical terms here - all due respect

to those presently running the gauntlet of homicidal security, police and digger drivers.) Part of the theory behind the original formation of EF! in the US was to completely change the terms of the debate, to come out with such an 'outrageous' stance that it made the hitherto ostracised conventional green groups seem positively respectable - and worth talking to on the part of the policy makers. Now I'm not so keen on that 'Trojan Horse' role - there's far more to us than that - but we must keep on trying to push the envelope further outwards. In a sense, it is not our job to be loved, to seek acceptance and endorsement of our views by our 'betters' - be it patronising MPs or the Professional Environmentalist whizkids who stand at the top of the green movement. Rather, our role is to be reviled. A great saying runs: "Mankind marches to annihilation

under the banner of realism " - we must resist the weasel words of 'realism' at all costs - after all, it was a 'realistic' attitude - as Andrew Lees admitted in the Guardian - that led FoE to abandon Twyford Down, and that leads people into passivity and defeatism on nearly every occasion. Some pride in our achievements is warranted here - we have given many people in the UK - and especially within the environmental movement - a concrete illustration that direct action works and produces results. That is an antidote to the prevailing attitude of powerlessness and hopelessness that keeps the people down and the planet under attack. To cut a long rant short, we've got to keep up the pressure on roads, but at the same time we must begin to think about 'life after roads'.

Yours, Cynical (A Disappointed Romantic), SDEF!





'...One days exposure to mountains is better than a cartload of books.'-John Muir, (1838-1914)

GOING GREEN: HOW TO COMMUNICATE YOUR COMPANY'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT " BY E. BRUCE HARRISON

- reviewed by John C. Stauber, syndicated from the *Earth First! Journal* Mabon 1994

More than any other author Rachel Carson is credited with giving birth to popular ecological awareness. 'Silent Spring', her bombshell 1962 bestseller, gave a dramatic, prophetic and factual account of massive agrichemical poisoning. Written with the goal of shocking the public, government and industry into action, it sowed seeds of consciousness that burst forth eight years later when millions of people demonstrated in the streets on the first Earth Day, April 22, 1970.

Now PR executive E. Bruce Harrison, who led the fight to silence 'Silent Spring', has written his own book, a how-to guide entitled "Going Green: How to Communicate Your Company's Environmental Commitment."

Harrison's "commitment" began when, at age 30, he was appointed "manager of environmental information" for the manufacturers of agricultural pesticides and other poisons, and assigned to coordinate and conduct the industry's attack against 'Si-

lent Spring'. They hit back with the PR equivalent of a prolonged carpet bombing campaign. No expense was spared in defending the fledgeling agrochemical industry and its 300 million dollars per year in sales of DDT and other toxins. The national Agricultural Chemical Association doubled its PR budget and distributed thousands of book reviews trashing 'Silent Spring'.

Along the way, they pioneered environmental PR "crisis management" techniques that have now become standard industry tactics. They used emotional appeals, scientific misinformation, front groups, extensive mailings to the media and opinion leaders, and the recruitment of doctors and scientists as "objective" third party defenders of agrichemicals.

Rachel Carson succumbed to cancer on April 14, 1964, never seeing herself vindicated. Due in part to Harrison's PR work, the warnings of 'Silent Spring' have never been adequately understood or heeded. To-

day agrichemical contamination of soil, air, water, animals and people is one of the most ubiquitous and difficult environmental health disasters we face.

Harrison, however, is alive and thriving. In 1973, he and his wife established their own PR company, drawing in clients such as Monsanto and Dow Chemical, who were among the sponsors of the campaign against 'Silent Spring'. The PR trade publication *Inside PR* named him as its 1993 "PR All Star", stating that by writing "Going Green" he had "confirmed his status as the leading [PR] thinker on environmental issues" and as a continuing "pioneer in the field."

The E. Bruce Harrison Company has offices in Washington DC, Dallas, Austin, New York, and San Francisco, and recently opened a new office in Brussels that will, in the words of *Inside PR*, "help its transnational clients work through the complexity" of Europe's new envi-

ronmental regulations. The company employs more than 50 staff and does 6 million dollars worth of business annually for about 80 of the world's largest corporations and associations, including Coors [notoriously right-wing US brewing giant], Clorox, R.J Reynolds, the American Medical Association, and Vista Chemical.

Harrison's clients include the "wise use" [American term for groups campaigning for GREATER environmental destruction - often funded by industry] Global Climate Coalition (which opposes environmental action to prevent global warming), and the

Coalition for Vehicle Choice (which opposes emission-control regulations for automobile manufacturers). He even receives taxpayer funding from one of his clients, the US government's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In " Going Green ", Harrison shares some of his perspective and methods. The book includes self-promotional chapters in which he discretely brags of the PR greenwashing successes that he has arranged for clients such as Uniroyal, General Motors, Cosmair and Zoecon. Of course, he doesn't use the word

"Greenwashing". The text is filled with environmentally-correct sounding jargon that makes for clumsy reading. The phrase he uses to describe his PR work, for example, is "sustainable communications."

In " Going Green ", Harrison declares that environmental activism has "died", and that its death presents corporations with a tremendous opportunity to define and dominate the future of environmentalism in the name of "sustainable development", by which he means corporate business-as-usual, made palatable for the public through "sustainable commu-

THIS MODERN WORLD

BY TOM TOMORROW

IT'S TIME FOR YET ANOTHER LOOK AT HOW THE NEWS WORKS...STEP ONE: A CORPORATION WHICH HAS BEEN CAUGHT ENGAGING IN SOME ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL ACT HIRES A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM...



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nications.

Who or what killed environmental activism? According to Harrison, the "activist movement that began in the early 1960s, roughly when the use of pesticides was attacked in the book 'Silent Spring' succumbed to success over a period roughly covering the last 15 years."

Since the first Earth Day in 1970, he argues, ecological activism has been transforming itself from a grassroots movement into dozens of professionally-run, competitive, non-profit businesses, epitomized by groups like the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF).

"Going Green" says that today's environmental groups are first and foremost business ventures, run by managers. Groups like EDF are tax-exempt, customer-based firms primarily concerned with fund-raising and maintaining a "respectable" public image. This preoccupation with funding and respectability makes them willing to sit down with industry and cut deals in which their main concern is their own financial bottom line. In Harrison's words, to "stay in the greening business", the goal of environmental groups "is not to green, but to ensure the werewithal that enable it to look green."

Everywhere he looks, Harrison sees the rise of pro-corporate environmentalism and the demise of grassroots eco-activism. Especially since the 1992 Earth Summit in Brazil, "corporate environmentalism is now more lively than external activist environmentalism, and this trend will continue to grow." [On the subject of the Earth Summit, the larger green groups were cleverly coopted by according them some sort of insider status - access to the hallowed portals of power at last! - designating them as "NGOs" and allotting them a place at the conference table with the big boys. They were even allowed to stay up late! This sort of thing is

the illusion of influence - a joke now doing the rounds amongst the more cynical activists in the US states that corporate boardrooms now feature 9 white men, a woman (suitably "power dressed", no doubt), a black person and an environmentalist.]

This opens the door to tremendous opportunities for Harrison's corporate and government clients, whom he assists in building issue coalitions and alliances with carefully chosen environmentalists ready to reap mutual business benefits.



As an example, Harrison points to the partnership between McDonald's and the Environmental Defense Fund. "In the late 1980s, the company slipped into its worst sales slump ever - and the anti-McDonald's drive of the green movement was at least partly blamed. [EDF's Executive Director Fred] Krupp saw the golden arches of McDonald's, the nation's fast food marketing king, as a sign of opportunity ... Krupp was ready to deal, and so was McDonald's."

Harrison is quite happy that the professional environmental establishment is rejecting the tactics of

community organising, street demonstrations and noisy conflicts with industry. Ironically the unseemly confrontational tactics that the eco-professionals scorn are acknowledged by Harrison to be the main impetus for any real ecological reform

In "Going Green", Harrison observes that "Greening and the public policy impact of greenism are being propelled by what I refer to as the 'AMP syndrome' - a synergy of Activists + Media + Politicians. Activists stir up conflict, naming 'victims' (various people or public sectors) and 'villains' (very often, business interests). The news media respond to conflict and publicise it. Politicians respond to media and issues, moving to protect 'victims' and punish 'villains' with legislative and regulatory actions."

Some environmentalists haven't yet accepted the message that protest tactics are dead. In one chapter Harrison advises businesses "what to do when you're attacked by an activist group." He first suggests hiring a private detective to investigate the activists [Bray's, McLibel, anyone?] - making sure, of course, not to get caught. But strategic co-optation remains his primary strategy for achieving "sustainable communications". [What are the new Department of Transport 'conflict resolution' roundtables if not a device for "strategic co-optation"?]

"Remember that your organisation and the green action group are quite similar when it comes to management goals," Harrison advises. "You're both trying to create customers ... The [activist] group must be publicly observed in action, on behalf of a cause that has appeal to potential customer-publics. Offer to meet with them ... Your task is to try and deflate their balloon and to get direct information about what's motivating them, how serious they are, who they are, what they will consider 'success'

... Be friendly. Politely put off giving more direct information. Offer to meet with them again. As long as you are talking, you may not be fighting. [And as has been said, it is the 'fighting' they really dislike - e.g. Brian Mawhinney's plaintive requests for a 'ceasefire'.] Maybe you can come up with multiple options for mutual benefit that will satisfy their needs."

" Going Green " is a book that activists should read to identify and counter the sophisticated tactics of the greenwashers, and to understand industry's co-optation of the environmental movement. As for E.Bruce Harrison, the godfather of greenwashing is "going green" all the way to the bank.

The syndrome so cynically described by E.Bruce Harrison is nothing new. A strong historical parallel to it appears in John Nicholson's book on the Gordon Riots ("The Great Liberty Riot of 1780", Bozo Press 1985.) The following excerpt shows that the attitude of the green groups described by Harrison is but

the latest manifestation of an age old process - presenting us with the cosy illusion of dissent:

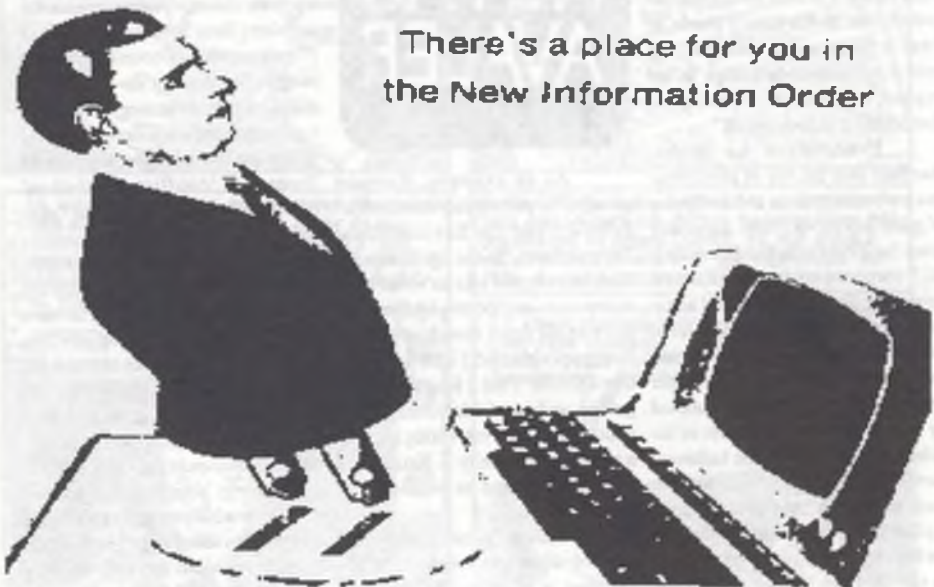
" [on the subject of the widespread corruption in government around 1780:] Before the administration is cast as the villain it should be realised that these cynics [those in power] were not fools. They were not in the habit of offering bribes for nothing. On the contrary, the offer was merely half the bargain. These administrators were accomplices in the creation of such corruption but they were only recognising what had become standard practice. Someone had to be open to the bribery to make such a practice into a system. Not only was it acceptable to make oneself a nuisance to provoke an offer to be bought off, but some persons rivalled the administration in cynicism. A few actually made careers out of manipulating popular causes in order to sell out to the highest bidder. The most famous example in recent times had been John Wilkes, yet he was far from alone. As late as 1802 Burdett would

cause a stir by arousing popular hopes and then never raising the cause in Parliament. "

These standard bearers, these power brokers, dash our hopes time and time again , as they use pressing popular concerns as a passport to membership of the elite. They are our enemies as much - perhaps more so, since they are contemptible traitors - as the authority figures that they appeal to. In the horsetrading game of politics, they have a pivotal role to play - it is their connivance that keeps the whole sorry show on the road, lending it a spurious air of credibility. Those who agree to some, without demanding it all, fritter away the possibility of real, substantive change. Or have they lost sight of the true magnitude of the ecological crisis that we face in the reams of (recycled) press releases that they put out ?

*' Those who make revolution
by half, dig their own graves'
St. Just*

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'Coastway 2000:

A Ribbon of Steel Across Southern England' & 'South Coast Rail Strategy'

Two recent reports published by East Sussex Transport 2000 and distributed by Alarm UK

With these and other publications, Alarm UK and Transport 2000 claim to be putting forward an agenda which solves the problems of the car culture in an environmentally friendly way. These need to be looked at from the point of view of the people who opened up the debate on transport, and thus made the success of the new rail lobby possible; ie us! We who put ourselves physically on the line to stop the roads and forced the industrial development juggernaut into a dialogue with the rail lobby.

The proposals include:

1. Electrification of large parts of the rail network not already electrified.

Electrification merely moves the pollution to power station chimneys and nuclear dumps. Up to 70% of the energy generated is wasted either at the power station itself or in transmission.

2. Raising line speeds.

Energy efficiency of all types of engine falls drastically as speed increases above a certain threshold. The speed at which most trains now travel is at or above that threshold most of the time. Further increases, while making the train more 'competitive' against the car, will waste more energy. A better solution would be to enforce the speed regulations which already exist for motorists, or preferably radically reduce them.

3. Reinstatement of lines now closed.

Anyone who has walked along disused railway lines will know that they are often linear oases across

deserts of monoculture. In many places these wildlife corridors link up the last remaining wild areas, whose very existence relies on these corridors(1). Quite a few of the ecosystems we have succeeded in saving would be seriously degraded if this course of action was carried through. For anti-road campaigners(2), to be advocating their destruction is absolutely ludicrous, and shows a worrying inability to understand basic ecology.

4. Building of new railway lines.

I hope this does not need elaboration.

5. Other measures to increase the speed and frequency of rail traffic.

Increasing the speed and frequency of the rail network will increase demand. This is the purpose of the plan. Some, but not all of this demand will transfer from roads. This is seen as a GOOD THING. The same logic that says traffic will increase as roads are "improved" must also admit that as traffic leaves the road for the railway, so more traffic will appear to replace it. The National road building plan was based on projected future growth in traffic, not present use. Having successfully refuted the basis on which the DoT made these assumptions, they are now moving this future growth onto the railways. They maintained that the future growth would be caused by a new capacity in the road network. They rightly pointed out the folly of road building as a never ending spiral, but now advocate the same strategy for rail.

This document is written entirely in the language of the economists. The only concession to the real world is when they propose cutting corners off a curvy route to increase train speeds. They say: "...but such work would only be carried out where it can be done with very little environmental impact." We've heard these weasel words before, yet many people still seem to fall for them. The people of Transport 2000 and some within Alarm UK have used the groundwork WE prepared with our physical presence, stopping the work and causing so much bother that the government were forced to approach the "environmental" lobby to regain the credibility they had lost. WE used physical force to gain the advantageous position.

I didn't put myself through the traumas of being attacked with two-ton shovels and thugs in yellow jackets with gland problems so that these self appointed pseudo-think tanks could negotiate away my reason for doing it. When I said 'no more roads', that's what I mean't, and a railroad is a road. The solution is not more anything, but less consumption.

(1) Editors.note- See article on Biodiversity fragmentation elsewhere in this issue.

(2) Describing the Alarm UK London office & Transport 2000 as anti-road campaigners may be a bit rich, both have made statements professing that they are not against all roads! It must also be remembered that Transport 2000 is not an environmental group, but an industrial lobby group funded by the rail unions.

'EARTHWARRIOR- OVERBOARDWITH PAULWATSONAND THESEASHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY'

A book explaining the history and beliefs of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is desperately needed. For nearly two decades it has been an inspiration, and in many cases a training ground, for radical environmentalists the world over. For countless whalers, driftnetters and seal clubbers Sea Shepherd is there worse nightmare- realised. Sea Shepherd have confronted these industries head on, most famously by ramming and sinking them. In many cases they have won outright. The present survival of much marine life is due to their existence. Paul Watson, its founder, has said that 'Earth First!' is

mother earth's army, and we are her navy'. If this is true then such a book becomes invaluable.

Unfortunately this is not the book. It is interesting, exhilarating at times, but it does not give you much of an understanding of what Sea Shepherd actually believe. In all fairness this is not what the book set out to do. It is a personal diary of an academic who goes on one mission with them. Such a diary is not likely to explain the crews beliefs. There is a bit too much of the author in the book, too many internal discussions between him and himself. I would have preferred such an account from a committed activist, this would have (maybe) avoided the intellectual clashes happening in the authors head, which were more to do with lack of experience than anything else. One thing the book does illuminate is the sheer diversity of activists on the boats, such diversity and an addiction for action may explain why no activist has actually sat down and written this book already. The best

chapter 'Un-Greenpeace' tells the early history of greenpeace and how it turned into what it is today; throwing out many of its most prevalent early members on the way, Watson included. This book is worth getting hold of for this chapter alone. A around £10 its worth lifting or ordering from your library. A good read but don't expect to learn a hell of a lot from it. £9.99, David B.Morris, Fulcrum publishing, 207 pages

'IMPROVISED MUNITIONS HANDBOOK',

Dept of the Army Technical Manual TM 31-210, produced by Frankford Arsenal, Philidelphia, Pennsylvania

According to the authors, the purpose of this book is to 'increase the potential of special forces and guerrilla troops by describing in detail the manufacture of munitions from seemingly innocuous locally

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available materials". Furthermore, "The manual contains simple explanations and illustrations to permit construction of the items by personnel not normally familiar with making and handling munitions....[it] includes methods for fabricating explosives, detonators, propellants, shaped charges, small arms, mortars, incendiaries, delays, switches and similar items from indigenous materials."

The manual was issued to (trusted) ex-soldiers upon leaving the US. Army- so that, in the event of a Russian or other invasion of the great land of democracy, there would be a ready made militia in place to resist that occupation. Not too far removed from the now famous 'Michigan Militia' perhaps- or the CIA's European 'GLADIO' armed networks. As you would expect from a military establishment that specialised in producing the 'Contra Freedom Fighters Manual' and other counter-insurgency gems, in order to destabilise regimes not willing to act as client states to the US, this handbook is very professional- clear, concise, comprehensive and well illustrated. Highly recommended- by the Pentagon no less. Available from ????, (You could always try writing to Frankford Arsenal and asking them for a copy!)

'GREENHISTORY'

A reader in environmental literature, philosophy and politics', Derek Wall, Routledge, 1994.

I'd never have believed that a book by an eco-revolutionary would get a glowing review in a right wing tory magazine, but not even the Spectator could deny that this is serious, quality stuff. As Derek Wall says himself, "The green movement has deep and varied roots. The study of history is a

young discipline, hence an anthology such as this maps merely the thickest girths of a few roots." The book is unrivalled if you're looking for theoretical roots, with exerts ranging from Ovid, a very dead roman, through St. Augustine and Kropotkin, to Alice Walker, 'Move' activist widely known for 'The Colour Purple'. Unfortunately, books are expensive these days (£12.99 for the paperback), but this is just the sort of thing you could persuade university, college, or your local library to order-get it known!

PROLETARIANGOB

"Scientists and others who claim to want to understand human beings (but are in fact merely finding more ways to control us and exploit us) won't understand us at all until they see their laboratories burning down around them. This should be our contribution to scientific knowledge."

16 pages of articles, Scientists are Scumbags, Against Cameras on Demos, Technofetishism, Red Terror Will Be Fun , Kulcha!, Perlman and a review of the Zapatista pamphlet.

Proletarian Gob goes from strength to strength, smashing the illusion of 'neutral' technology by putting technology in the context of class. There's us the proles and them the capitalists, the solution, the proles revolt smashing apart a class society and heralding in a future where pleasure is the only goal. Mr Gob wants us to enjoy ourselves, revolution should be fun - and if it's not fun its not revolution.

The attempt to present the dictatorship of the proletariat (dop) as fun takes the whole thing too far. While it is reasonable to argue that we need a class analysis to understand the social forces that form society, and can change it. The dop

is the product of the scietific understandings of revolution, revolution doesn't come in nice predictable stages it comes like a Typhoon.

Why should we read this Marxian dribble, some readers may ask, isn't class dead, and what did they ever do for the environment anyhow? We've got to realise there is a tradition of rebellions such as ours, expressed differently and in the context of the times. Many of the revolutionnaries in the 1917 russian revolution fought for an idea of a commune that was broadly self sufficient and they fought openly against the ownership of land, both ideas that are promoted by some of the editors of The Ecologist and sections of the green party and definatly by autonomous green camps. Those who don't learn from revolutionary history and philosophy are condemned to repeat the mistakes of the past. Proletarian Gob FREE (donations accepted) Folder 19, 30 Silver St, Reading RG1.

'SQUALL- MAGAZINEFOR ASSORTED ITINERANTS'

Most readers of Do or Die are probably familiar with Squall by now, but for those that aren't, let's just say that it is one of the best sources of information on and opposition to the Criminal Justice Act and the reactionary social forces that brought it into being. By any standards - let alone those of the underground press - it is outstandingly professional, both in terms of production and approach. I can't think of anyone else prepared to do the very necessary - but incredibly tedious, not to say stomach-turning - work of monitoring Parliamentary

committees and of putting pointed questions to the slimy bastards that rule over us. Such insights help us to know our enemies. However, lest you think - from the description above - that Squall amounts to no more than a hip Hansard, it also has comprehensive news coverage and heavyweight articles on subjects as diverse as Critical Mass, Agenda 21, land ownership, living underground and so on. Unfortunately, this professionalism has forced Squall to abandon its original policy of free distribution - there is now a suggested minimum price of £1.30. I have only one criticism, it is often too liberal for my tastes. This can however be a blessing - instead of yet more out-on-a-limb feverish dogmas, Squall takes on the dominant logic in its measured, well reasoned

and written articles, and often manages to demonstrate that even on its own terms that 'logic' makes no sense. £1.80 from SQUALL, c/o 2 St.Paul's Rd, London, N1 2QN

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This issue Aufheben carries a large and very good analysis of the movement against the CJA, at present the best written. You might have difficulty trawling through some of the ultra left language but its well worth it. Unlike most people who have analysed the anti-CJA movement, the Aufheben crew are actually heavily involved in it.

Aufheben acts as a bit of a think tank for the ultra-left and being ardent dialectical materialists

have reacted to the growth in 'primitivist' thinking within the ultra-left and the radical environmental movement. We have not space to react to their 'attack', but we will answer it in next issue.

Those with keen observation might have noted that the DoD editorial collective shares the same address as Aufheben, so being friends we are in the rare position of actually knowing what Aufheben means. A German phrase, it has no direct translation but means roughly- Transcendence and through transcendence destroy. Learn a new thing every day. Available for £2 from Aufheben, c/o Prior House, Tilbury place, Brighton, E.Sussex



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UNDERCURRENTS3

For too long the mainstream media has been our main channel of communication to those outside our campaigns. Undercurrents is a two hour 'alternative news video' shot by activists. Issue three has footage of road campaigns, office occupations, the present situation in Northern Ireland, the murder of Brain Douglas by the police, land 'rights', and a valuable round up of news from around the world. Undercurrents producers are trying to reach people outside the radical cultural ghetto but this has its problems. Their conception of what is acceptable to their audience is not the reality of most of our struggles. Undercurrents presents a heavily cleansed version of events and perspectives. Its price reflects many small worlders conception of 'normal people'- at £6.50 for the unemployed it is beyond the reach of many. However Undercurrents has got more radical with every issue and is a valuable part of the 'alternative' media. Available for £9.50 waged, £6.50 unwaged, from Small World, 46 Rymers Lane, Oxford, OX4 3LB (Cheques made out to 'Small World Media')

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THEBOOK

Compiled by Justice? this is a directory of over 200 groups active against the CJA- from Liberty to the Lesbian Avengers. Entries are extensive and written by the groups themselves. Copies available from the shNEWS address for £4- cheques payable to 'The Book'.

CONSCIOUSCINEMA

Conscious Cinema is a new monthly video news programme. You CANT BUY IT- shock horror, information uncommodified. It's available only for public showings- this could mean your front room or your local community hall. It's level of production resembles all that's good in the 'zine culture; and its message is wake up, get active. Issue one covers the squatting of the West Pier in Brighton, Mumia-Abu-Jamal, 10 years since the Battle of the Beanfield, Selar Opencast, the Anti-CJA Mother festival, Reclaim the Streets, Shoreham and lots more. Organise regular showings, publicise- get your street watching, and acting. Send an S.A.E. for info to- Conscious Cinema, PO BOX 2679, Brighton, Sussex, BN2 1UJ

FOODFORFREE

Richard Mabey

It's summer and the next couple of months are ideal for gathering wildfood. Learning about and eating your surroundings creates a feeling of oneness with nature- hey, and it tastes go too! After reading this book forays looking for wood for the camp fire will never be the same. Its well illustrated and Mabey really knows what he is talking about. It costs £7.99 but take the title seriously and lift it.



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Dead Trees EF!

*The following resources are available from Dead Trees EF!, the distribution wing of EF!
Current prices are on the leaflet enclosed in this issue.*

'AGENDA21 EXPOSED'

Agenda 21 was a conference paper that came out of the Rio 'Earth' Summit in June 1992. It has had an enthusiastic response from many environmentalists, including many involved in the eco/squatting move pamphlet, written as in internal discussion paper for Justice?, (Brighton's Campaign in defiance of the CJA), Brighton Autonomists argue that:

'It [Agenda 21] is at best, a means to justify the inflated salaries of a few fat cats in the UN bureaucracy and at worst, a huge propaganda exercise that allows governments and their capitalist friends to wash their hands of all responsibility concerning the global problems of mass poverty and environmental destruction.... By drawing various groups into the process of consultation and policy recommendation Agenda 21 serves to empty the ideas of the environmental movement of all radical content at the same time as demobilising grass roots opposition to those who run this planet'.

'THIRDWAY',

(NO not the fascist one)

Third way is a grass roots 'zine from Russia, covering 'green

and anarchist movements in Russia, ecological information and projects, social ecology, protest action, the counter culture and alternative society'. The 'zine is published in Russian, (not available from us), every two months and in English twice a

year. The last issue carried stories on direct action in Samarkaya Luka, how to reuse stamps, the abolition of chemical weapons stocks and the crisis in Russian environmentalism.



'INSTINKT', WINTER/ SPRING 95

Before we go any further, it's in German. A partial translation in raw text will soon be available. Instinkt is the magazine of the German eco-defence group 'Frontline' and has been temporarily EF! Germany's main vehicle also, (they're well on their way to producing their own mag in the near future). Articles cover Anatopia, Anti-Auto Action, EF! Germany-what is it-what do they believe, What is Wilderness?, Class struggle and Ecology, Anti-road actions, Anti-Nuke actions and documentation of the extensive ecotage taking place in Germany.

With Germany becoming the centre of a European economic order the existence of a strong radical ecology movement in the belly of the beast is of paramount importance. German EF! looks like it can only go from strength to strength. An inspiring read and lots of pictures of trashed cars, what more could you ask for?

'ALARM-A JOURNAL OF REVOLUTIONARY ECOLOGY', NO 12, WOMYN'S ISSUE

Alarm is published yearly by the Eastern North American Native Forest Network, (NFN), and issue 12 is the 'womyn's issue', written entirely by women to 'address the current lack of womyn only space amidst all the existing rad-eco journals and newsletters'. Covering issues ranging from bio-centrism and revolutionary ecology (by Judi Bari), indigenous peoples' land struggles, Solsbury Hill, village based struggles in India (by Vandana Shiva), problems with the internal dynamics of North

American EF!, Bison kills, Abortion, Intellectual Property Rights, Sexism within the rad-eco movement, the Zapatistas, and tactics on smashing patriarchy and capitalism.

'CLAREMONT ROAD E11-A FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE'

'A picture speaks a 1000 words' and with this logic the anti-M11ers have produced a photo documentation of Claremonte, the lives within its brief grasp and its final eviction. It includes two articles, one 'a view from the tower' about the eviction and the other on the emerging 'activist aesthetics'-resistance as art.

'LIVE WILD OR DIE', NO.5

One of an array of papers that has come out of the American Earth First! movement, Live Wild Or Die is an anarchic journal of industrial collapse, technological demise, and truly alternative alternatives. A frenzy of desire for the wild, with articles like 'Why we want to smash your computer(and your TV!)', 'Fighting words on the future of the Earth' by American Indian Movement activist Russell Means, and numerous articles on monkeywrenching tactics, shoplifting, how to go 'underground', the rebellion against work, against religion, against money, against boring sex and against cars. The editorial, 'Storm clouds of a long battle' declares that:

'We are at war with the systems and functions of industrialised society; the economy, the accumulation of resources, the exploitation, the technology, the values and arrogant assumptions. We do not aim to seize control of, but rather to destroy entirely, the means of production. We

do not seek a program or leader to follow. We seek an end to governments, the act of governance, and the power over other living beings. A caution: We must be careful not to aim for some nihilistic glorification of the eco-warrior role. There is a screaming need to re-learn where and who we are on this planet, to understand the meaning of harmony, to transcend our domestication. Haste, bold ones, the wolf howls and the owl hoots; let not their crying ghosts haunt our pitiful monuments.'

FASLANEFOCUS

FF is the lively newsletter of the long-running Faslane Peace Camp. The Imbolic '95 issue includes the latest info on the deranged goings on at the nuke sub base - for example, a recent security training exercise involved soldiers pretending to be protesters trying to gain access to the base - two of them were 'shot'. Is this what awaits those invading the base in future? The Focus also features more tales of the Campers' brilliant exploits against the missile convoys,

Scottish CJA news, a roundup of upcoming Scottish festivities, and much more (including a lethal sounding cocktail "guaranteed to rip any fence apart"). All in all, it's a valuable source for fun and games north of the border, and a reminder for arrogant greens that the anti-nuclear movement is still very much alive and kicking. Take the hint - give the camp a ring on 0436-820901 and find out about the Nagasaki action they have planned for the 50th anniversary of the bombing, on 8th August. Let's face it-where else can you enjoy beautiful Highland scenery AND piss off the military at the same time?

'ROADALERT'3',

It's one of the best round ups of road news around. Road @!ert! also produces a weekly update available on the Internet, (GreenNet conference "trans.roadbldg" and on the UseNet newsgroup "uk.environment"), which is also sent to networking centre. Another one of these terrible examples of the rad-eco movement getting its act together.

'FIFTH STATE', WINTER 1995.

This issue marks 29 years of continuous publication of Fifth Estate, America's longest running @narchist paper. No other paper has for so long consistently argued against industrialism, and hierarchy in all its forms. Ridiculed by many in the 'radical' community for being 'unrealistic' the emerging critique of industrialism and the debates found in its pages are often breathtakingly incisive. Many of the arguments now prevalent in the British radical ecological scene were played out in America long ago, it is important that we should learn from their ideas and mistakes, the eco-crisis may not give us enough time to reinvent the wheel. This issue carries articles on anarchists in local elections, (very relevant with the FAN campaign in Manchester), an 8 page anti-nuke supplement, news from Eastern Europe, 'Arguments for the Elimination of the Information Age', Hakim Bey on 'Per-

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Remember Acid Rain

manent Autonomous Zones' and an extended article on 'Empire and Mass Society' which gives a good idea of some of the views of many involved in FE and the primitivist milieu. As David Watson says in 'Empire & Mass Society':

'A radical vision for today demands a luddite politics starting from a total scepticism towards the entire structure and content of technological society'.

'ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN'

Fredy Perlman

This is a collection of the most important of Fredy Perlman's shorter writings which chart an intel-

lectual exploration from the (almost) revolutions of '68 in Paris and Italy, to the ecological concerns of today. His insights into industrialism, the nation-state and imperialism, racism and genocide, the psychology of power and dependency, are some of the most important in eco-anarchist thought.

ECODEFENCE

Ecodefence is a collection of letters sent to the US Earth First! Journal 'Dear Ned Ludd' section. It has 300 pages of info on how to sabotage machinery, trash diggers, spike trees, destroy hoardings, sink ships, deal with coppers, informants and general security problems. It is the best comic EF! has ever had. It is of course total

fiction and for entertainment purposes only - Sit home and watch TV kids- or else.

ZAPATISTAS-IN THEIR OWN WORDS.

This pamphlet is the text from an interview with Marcos the infamous spokesperson for the EZLN, the Zapatistas. At a time when 'revolution' is supposed to be impossible along come the EZLN to prove us wrong. The Zapatistas are not the usual south American leninist group, they turn out to be libertarian rebels in the tradition of Zapata. Their goal to encourage the development of a liberated zone in southern Mexico where peasant collectives control the land. Not only do the Zapatistas have the right politics, they're also winning. Land & Liberty!

DEVASTATING TO LIBERATE OR DEVASTATINGLY LIBERAL

Hard-core controversy. Keep a close eye on your copy this booklet will get borrowed before you've read the title. As an analysis of Animal Rights it is sometimes lacking, however where it excels is its understanding of the group dynamics prevalent in Animal Rights circles. A good slag off of narrow minded single issue groups its equally true of class war. It's funny too!

'DEAR MOTORIST... THE SOCIAL IDEOLOGY OF THE

MOTORCAR

Andre Gorz

This short pamphlet written in 1973 remains as relevant today. Explains eloquently how the car evolved and we arrived at the present situation where every man's castle is his car. Gorz argues that to free ourselves from the oil magnates and the car drivers psychology of power we have to destroy the car utterly-not to replace it with another kind of mass transport but with a fundamental challenge to the existing system, enlivened communities and a feeling of place.

'AWAY WITH ALL CARS'

Mr Social Control

'Away with all cars' is most definitely the best anti-car pamphlet around, arguing for the total elimination of all cars ('By petrol was it born, and by petrol shall it die!'), it expresses what most of us feel while waiting at the side of the road for permission to cross. Its especially good on the motor cars domination and destruction of space (and time). Good graphics, extensive angles of attack and highly amusing.

'THE END OF THE BEGINNING- CLAREMONT ROAD: E11 NOT M11'

'The End of the beginning' is a collection of writings, artwork, poems, songs, images and ideas, intended as a creative tribute to a very creative place, with contributions from some of the thousands that visited or lived on the street. This collection- 106 pages in all- gives one an idea of what Claremont was really

like. Too many campaigns history's are written by people not involved and give a distorted image of our struggles, usually resulting in our ideas and emotions being watered down. This 'zine is a counter against that trend, and an inspiring one at that. Hilarious, beautiful, contradictory in parts, groundbreaking and impressive- it is in other words a true representation of a marvellously strange campaign and emerging community.

'FUTURE PRIMITIVE'

John Zerzan

This pamphlet, published by DTEF!, consists of two essays that originally appeared in the American 'Anarchy- A Journal of Desire Armed'. The first essay 'Future Primitive' takes recent anthropological and archaeological revisionism to an ultimate conclusion. " Life before domestication/agriculture was in fact largely one of leisure, intimacy with nature, sensual wisdom, sexual equality, and health." . If for millennia upon millennia human communities successfully refused descent into the traps of division of labor, domestication and symbolic reification, what does this say about the true situation of modern humanity? Does civilisation (literally meaning- the culture of cities), represent only the recent, yet near total, degradation of human life? In the second essay 'On the Transition', Zerzan puts forward his suggestions on how to start creating the future primitive NOW.

'STOPPING THE INDUSTRIAL HYDRA- REVOLUTION AGAINST THE MEGA-MACHINE'

George Bradford



Another pamphlet reprinted by DTEF! from the American 'primitivist' milieu, this essay first appeared in Fifth Estate shortly after the Exxon Valdez disaster. After describing the sheer weight of death that resulted, and continues to result from the Valdez spill it points out that such spills are in no way 'accidents'. Such spills are the inevitable result of the existence of petrochemical industrialism. These catastrophes, horrific as they maybe, are vastly outweighed by the day to day reality of Industrial culture. The 11 million gallons lost by the Valdez is matched every year

in the state of Michigan alone by citizens pouring waste oil down sewers.

It has to be remembered that if the oil hadn't been spilled in Alaska it would have landed 'safely' and been fed into cars and factories. It then would have produced an estimated 60 million pounds of Carbon Dioxide- the main agent of the Greenhouse effect. The average car reproduces its own body weight in Carbons each year- another oil slick happening every single day. Conventional environmentalism has presented spectacles such as Valdez as the problem, while consistently not confronting the

real environmental disaster- industrialism itself. Such an attitude simply helps to cloak the totality. The recent Greenpeace anti-Shell campaign is a good example. No one from Greenpeace actually questioned the need for the oil platform- they merely argued on how to decommission it. When asked about their advocacy of land burial they have said that they have to give 'positive alternatives'. If that is their idea of being positive? Bradford ends by saying that 'If the anti-industrial perspective now seems too impractical, future generations, if there are any, will wonder why it took so much time and anguish to recognise it and make it a practical reality'.

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'STRUGGLEONE'

Produced by DTEF! this 3 hour video consists of three documentaries. 'From Death Row- This is Mumia Abu-Jamal' covers the case of black eco-revolutionary Mumia Abu-Jamal (see Prisoner section of DoD for more details). 'Incident at Ogala' explains the background to the American Indian Movement seige at Wounded Knee and the shootout that led to the jailing of Leonard Peltier. 'Hell in the Pacific' is a film about the struggle of the people of Bougainville against the mining corporation RTZ- see article in this issue. Order it, show it and ACT!

SMASHING THE IMAGEFACTORY:

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WHOSE JUSTICE?



DEFY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT

PRISONER WAR

ANTI-M11ERS IN PRISON FOR ALLEGED SABOTAGE

Long-term anti M11ers Jim Chambers (PV 2504) and Stuart Edwards (PB 1864) have both been convicted of £50,000 of Criminal Damage to machinery on the London North Circular road. They have both been sentenced to 18 months in prison. Jim has been in prison on remand for nearly 6 months, he is due out sometime this Autumn. Stuart however has been on bail, so he faces 8 months behind bars. A movement should be judged by how it supports its prisoners. They were not expecting to get so long and they really need our support. They are both at : HMP Pentonville, Caledonia road, London, N7 8TT.

BJORN MORTON URSFORD

The first mate of the 'Whales Forever' last summer was a Norwegian Naval Officer. Bjorn Ursford, 27, deserted from the Norwegian navy because he refused to protect Norwegian pirate whalers. He requested political asylum in Australia and from there he wrote to the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society to volunteer for their crew.

Bjorn joined Sea Shepherd in the Netherlands on June 1st, 1994. He soon proved invaluable, drilling the crew on fire-fighting and lifeboat safety, and utilising his knowledge of Norwegian Naval vessels, to Sea Shepherd's advantage, as well as monitoring Norwegian radio transmissions and giving interviews to the Norwegian media, who were fascinated by his story.

Bjorn graduated from the Befal school for the Navy (Befalskolen) in 1987, and afterwards served for one year on one of the Navy's ships. "That education the military gave me is very useful in the fight against whaling. My expertise in naval warfare came from what I learned in the Norwegian Navy," said Bjorn. The spokesperson for the Norwegian defense department chiefs, Brigadier-General Erik Janke, admitted that they knew he was aboard the Sea Shepherd boat Whales Forever, and furthermore they found it "very disappointing when

a person uses their military education against the authorities".

Bjorn also played a large part in seeing that the 'Whales Forever' returned to the Shetlands. This, the other vital contributions he made to Sea Shepherd's Summer '94 campaign, and the acute embarrassment he caused the Norwegian government, doubtless explains why, only four days after Sea Shepherd arrived at Lerwick in the Shetland Islands, Special Branch flew two officers from Edinburgh to arrest Bjorn at the request of the British government.

No charges were read and no explanations were given. The arrest was surprising considering that Norway is not a part of the European Economic Union. ((Although it should be noted, Norway is currently deliberating over whether to join - which may explain our wonderful government's actions - Norway must be kept sweet.)) Bjorn was flown directly back to Edinburgh and jailed for a month to await an extradition hearing request by the Norwegian government. The hearing, held on August 17th, ordered Bjorn's extradition to Norway.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is keeping track of Bjorn's treatment in Norway and in providing him with assistance for his needs. Letters of support for Bjorn may be addressed to the offices of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

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ROD CORONADO ARRESTED

After nearly two years of chasing their tails, federal agents captured Earth First! and Animal Liberation Front activist Rod Coronado on Wednesday, September 28, on the Pascua Yaqui Indian reservation in southern Arizona. Press reports state that Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) agents traced him to his ancestral homeland through an anonymous tip. But even though an ongoing series of federal grand juries around the country have been used to search for him, his capture does not mean that subpoenaed activists or others who might be subpoenaed are safe. The purpose of the grand



juries continues to be harassing and jailing activists, even if their ostensible reason until now was looking for Rod. Rod was being held in a federal prison in Tucson on five felony counts stemming from a grand jury investigation of a fire at a Michigan State University mink research facility. The fire caused \$200,000 in damages and wiped out the research of scientists who were feeding deadly dioxins to the captive minks.

Rod was denied bail twice, first in early October and again at an appeal on October 20, finally he was granted bail but he is electronically tagged so the state knows his whereabouts. The Michigan grand jury indicted Rod on charges of arson of property affecting interstate commerce, traveling interstate to commit an act of violence, extortion, use of fire to commit a felony and possession of stolen property. If convicted of all the charges, he could have faced 50 years in prison and \$1.25 million in fines. Rod accepted a plea bargain where he admitted aiding and abetting a number of arsons, in exchange the authorities agreed not to question him on any other ALF activities others he knew might have been involved in. He faces between 41-51 months in prison.

"The publicity here in Tucson has all the other inmates oohing and ahing at this skinny Indian, and all the big tough tattooed guys give me cigarettes and coffee," Rod says. "They say I should have just killed someone and I wouldn't be in so much trouble."

What's the best way to get an animal liberationist out of the house when you don't have a search warrant? Rod was called to the tribe's fire department to help an injured hawk. Once he walked into the building, four BATF agents tackled him.

"So ended my life as Martin Rubio, Youth Coordinator, Yoeme Nation Youth Junta," he said in a prepared statement released through his attorneys. He spent the last year as a volunteer at the reservation in "Apartheid Arizona" organizing youth retreats under the tutelage of Yaqui spiritual leader Enselmo Valencia and acting as mentor to at-risk young people on the reservation, showing them alternatives to alcoholism and gangs.

During his time on the reservation, Rod rediscovered his roots, joining the tribe's warrior society,

Wikoi Yau ura, the Bow Leaders, and pledging himself to protect the Yaqui people, land, and culture.

"I want to personally thank the FBI and ATF for helping me find my way home", he said in his statement. "Without their guidance I might never have come home." Rod disappeared two years ago because he feared for his life, according to a statement he released in December, 1992.

"It is my understanding that if I was to continue my defense of Native American wildlife and lands, that I would be murdered by the FBI or people within the fur industry," the statement read. "The FBI, while questioning David Howitt in June, 1992, acknowledged a threat against my life. In May, 1992, when the FBI and BATF raided my mountain home in southern Oregon, the presence of automatic weaponry is a testament of the US government's willingness to use deadly force to squash my representation of Native American wildlife, and those who defend them." [ed.-See DoD 2 for a full article from Rod Coronado written whilst on the run.]

Send letters c/o Rodney Coronado Support Committee, 2350 Barryessa Rd, #820, San Jose, CA 95132, US

LISE OLSEN

In July of 1992, Chicago activist Lise Olsen hung 21 home-made lanterns near a railroad trestle to illuminate a 30-foot red, white and blue "Freedom" banner that she had hung over a pro-fur billboard. Four months later, she was arrested for attempted arson, and released on a \$20,000 bond. Despite a military explosives consultant's testimony that the lanterns were candles, not incendiaries, Lise was convicted of five charges relating to "possession of incendiary devices" in July, 1994; in August she was sentenced to four years imprisonment and a \$1000 fine. Lise was transferred from Cook County Jail to Dwight after her sentencing. Despite court orders in her favor, Lise has been denied a vegetarian diet and her health is deteriorating. She is NOW classified as minimum security and is eligible for work release. The prison authorities however are refusing to let her out. Write to Lise Olsen B48426, POB 5001, Dwight, IL, 60420

Other Prisoner Contacts

DoD covers only a fraction of those imprisoned for their involvement in our movements. Sadly to list them all would take this whole magazine. Due to the constant changes in those imprisoned for Animal Liberation we have not listed those in the UK. A full ALF prisoner list, as well as a more extensive list of imprisoned eco-defenders is available from Earth Liberation Prisoners, c/o Mid Somerset EF!- their address is at the back of this issue. Many others are rotting in prison and we owe them our support. The most comprehensive list is available from the Anarchist Black Cross, c/o 121 Railton Road, Brixton, London. It is also worth contacting Justice? Legal Defence for info on CJA prisoners. Their address is at the back.

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

THE STRUGGLE MUST CONTINUE!

On the 17th of August Black Eco-Revolutionary Mumia Abu-Jamal was to be killed by the US state with a lethal injection. 10 days before he was due to be murdered Mumia was given a stay of execution. This is a victory for Mumia and all those around the world struggling to save his life. Without the mounting pressure Mumia would have been murdered by the time you read this. Now is not the time to give up the fight. We must not wait till the last minute again, we must intensify our actions to demand freedom for Mumia and all political prisoners languishing in the jails of the US.



ACOPDIES

Mumia's case originated Rodney King style in 1981, when driving through Philadelphia, he saw police attacking his brother, who had been pulled over for a minor traffic violation. Stopping to help out he was shot in the stomach and nearly died. During the resulting chaos a cop was killed. At the time, 4 in the morning, night clubs were closing and over a hundred people witnessed the incident. Many claim to have seen a man, 50 pounds heavier than Mumia and with short hair rather than his distinctive dreads, shoot the policeman. While Mumia and his brother waited for an ambulance, the killer fled.

BEATEN & FRAMED

Despite his injuries, witnesses saw him beaten by police who, 'Equal Justice US' noted 'were forced to admit that they rammed his head into a pole- 'accidentally'- as they were carrying him.' As he had survived the attack the US went about framing him. His allowed defence expenses of \$150, were less than those normally allocated in drink driving cases. The defence lawyer, a novice, with no experience of death penalty cases, was later banned from legal practise. In a city with a 40% black population, only two black jurors were selected.. Several jurors were closely connected to the police, including an officer's wife. Forensic evidence including ballistics failed to link Mumia to the murder. Finally, Mumia who attempted to convince the judge of the incompetence of his defence counsel, was banned from much of the trial.

Out of 125 witnesses interviewed by police, the

"Justice is just an emotional feeling ..."

— Judge Albert F. Sabo, PCRA Hearing, Com. V. Abu-Jamal

In the late morning of August 7, 1995, Senior Judge Sabo surprised many in the courtroom by issuing an extended stay of execution, citing "pending appeals" in the case.

The decision seemed expected by the prosecutors, but stunned members of the defence team, whose client had 10 days 'til death, and who expected nothing from the crusty, acerbic jurist. Observers believe this was the first stay issued in the judge's career.

Questions abound — among them, "What does it mean?"

To simplify, a stay is a judicial stop sign, and in this case, a stopped death warrant. It should be clear, however, that the writer remains on death row, under a death sentence — only the date has been changed.

The state of Pennsylvania still has every intention of killing me — just not right now.

Thus, the stay is a limited victory, not just for the Jamals and the Africas, but for thousands and tens of thousands of people from every corner of the globe — to these many, our most profound and heartfelt thanks for your militant and spirited protests. LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!

Although many radicals and progressives expressed joy at news of the stay, other political analysts saw it as a clever move by a clever judge, who did what higher courts would've done and, in so doing, attempted to blunt the edge off of a growing and militant anti-death penalty movement, in Philadelphia and beyond, thereby stymieing a series of planned demonstrations.

Whatever the reason, let us utilize this precious time to build a stronger and broader movement, to not "stay" one execution, but to halt them all! DOWN WITH THE RACIST U.S. DEATH PENALTY!

In an age when South Africa, once the pariah of the international community, has abolished ALL executions as an affront to the inherent right to life, our task can not be to merely stay (or slow down) one man's execution. No! It must be to echo the world — the European Community, Australia, South Africa, ET AL. — in total abolition of this racist vestige of the lynching tree, all forms of state murder.

It will take the power of the people-you-us all-to bring it about.

We can do it.

If you are truly committed, we WILL do it.

I know I am doing my part- will you help me?

This stay, is but the first step, although in the right direction, in our long walk to freedom.

We are growing- thanks to you!

- Mumia Abu- Jamal, Death Row, Pennsylvania

prosecution produced just three. All faced charges in other cases and are suspected of making a deal with the police. Two were charged with prostitution and a third with throwing a Molotov cocktail at a school, all had an interest in bargaining with the police. Other prosecution witnesses dropped out at the last minute. Mumia's lack of funds, poor health (remember he had nearly died) and poor defence meant that the defence had problems in producing witnesses in turn.

BLACK RESISTANCE & RADICAL ECOLOGY

Mumia has been involved in radical politics since his early teens. Growing up in a poor Black area of Philadelphia he was attracted to the Black Panther Party (BPP).

When other groups talked, the Panthers did. They organised community soup kitchens and militant defence of the Black community. To the massive poverty, racism and state oppression in the US, the Panthers said there was only one solution-Revolution! Nothing but a total destruction of capitalism and its replacement with true human communities would change anything. As there was no Panther group in Philadelphia, Mumia and others set one up. He went on to play a national role in the organisation and often wrote for the 'The Panther', the BPP newspaper. The Panthers were destroyed by waves of state killings and suppression and a murderous internal factionalism inflamed by state infiltration; (in many towns coordinated by Richard Held, the FBI officer responsible for framing US EF'ers Judi Bari and Daryl Cherny with their own car bombing). After the Panthers



demise he continued to be active and became a radical journalist, known as the 'voice of the voiceless'. It is his determination not to be intimidated into inaction that is most responsible for his imprisonment and planned execution. As a journalist he often covered the radical ecology group MOVE. After protesting for animal liberation and against police racism MOVE, which was set up in 1971 by black Philadelphians, came into sharp conflict with the authorities. This culminated in 1985, when an FBI bomb was dropped from a helicopter by Lieutenant John Powell of the Philadelphia Bomb Disposal Unit onto a MOVE commune, killing eleven MOVE members and burning down sixty surrounding houses. Before dropping the bomb he shouted, "ATTENTION MOVE, THIS IS AMERICA! YOU HAVE TO OBEY AMERICAN LAWS!" MOVE has been subjected to extraordinary persecution. In a recent interview Mumia noted that 'In 1973 they [MOVE] were in Philadelphia Zoo protesting caged exploitation of animals, and they were beaten for it, they were jailed for it, and they got ridiculously high bails for it... Now you have the ALF where people are doing the same types of things that MOVE were doing ten, fifteen years ago.'

Mumia and other MOVE supporters are vegetarians, wear their hair in dreds to be 'natural' and advocate a radical form of eco-politics. MOVE members include both Black & White individuals. Mumia's statement in response to the MOVE massacre and his own imprisonment is worth remembering:..

'Don't Mourn, Organise! Pull together, unite, come together to resist this system's usurpation of your inherent and god given rights to freedom, clean air, uncontaminated earth, fresh water, and an unpoisoned gene pool'.

DEATH WARRANT SIGNED

The newly elected pro-death Republican Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge, started signing execution warrants as soon as he could. Mumia was top of the list. Pennsylvania State Representative Michael McGeehan, the author of a bill to speed up executions, claims to be 'specifically interested' in Mumia's case, bluntly stating 'We're going to see him die'. His execution was set for 10pm on Thursday August the 17th. His death warrant was signed 3 days before an application was to be judged on a retrial.

RESISTANCE

On the 22nd of July 100 marched through central London to the American Embassy. From the 1st-17th

of August there was a 24 hour vigil outside the Embassy, many of the top embassy staff were visibly shaken. On the 10th of August 30 people invaded the newly opened tourist office of American Express in Brighton, occupying the first floor for about 20 minutes- some walls inside were sprayed with 'Free Mumia Abu-Jamal'. Glaswegians demonstrated outside the American Express building 5 times and in Edinburgh there was demos outside the US Consulate. Around 60 people gathered on the 12th of August for a march to the Embassy. Half way activists invaded the 'Disney Store' on Oxford street and 5 were arrested, mainly for obstruction of the Queens Highway. Activists in Bristol held a demonstration in the City Centre, burning the American flag and a mock electric chair.

Below is a short list of some of the demos worldwide early this August. Demos have also happened in Poland, Holland, Ireland, France, Spain, Luxembourg, India, South Africa and many others.

USA

1st of August- 75% of Lewisburg prison boycott lunch.
5th of August- 500 miles run in exercise yard by 300 prisoners, Lewisburg.
10th of August- 250 march in Sacramento.
12th of August- 1,000 march in San Fransisco, 10,000 march in Philidelphia
3 Day hungerstrikes by 8 political prisoners across the country and the entire segregation unit of Indiana Prison.

CANADA

10th of August- 250 march in Vancouver.
13th of August- 150 march to US Consulate in Montreal.

ITALY

All Red Brigade prisoners on 3 day hungerstike

SWEEDEN

16th of August- 40 demonstrators outside US Embassy in Stockholm.

SWITZERLAND

2nd of August- Branch of the Republic National Bank of New York paint bombed in capitol.

GERMANY

1st-17th of August- Vigil outside US Consulate in Hamburg
12th of August- National day of action. Demos in Hamburg, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Saubucken
17th of August- Large demos outside US Consulats in



Frankfurt, Hamburg, Stuttgart and Berlin.

All Red Army Faction prisoners on 3 day hungerstrike, as were many prisoners in Lubeck Youth Detention Centre.

WHATNOW?

We must mobilise NOW to free him. We cannot let him be rot in prison, never mind be murdered. The threat is not over. We must keep up the pressure - his struggle is our struggle. His life is a testament to a better future. Let America's actions inflame our resistance.

WHATYOU CANDO TO SAFEGUARD AND LIBERATE MUMIA

- Organise talks and video showings. 'Friends of MOVE' (see below) will provide speakers and you can get a copy of the video 'From Death Row- This is Mumia Abu-Jamal!' from South Downs Earth First!- send a £1 postal order.
- Organise actions against US company's present in your region.
- Target US interests, in support of Mumia.
- Spread the word, get in touch with local Black and Human rights groups.
- Attend National demos.
- Write in protest to Governor Tom Ridge, Main Capitol Building, Room 225, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA

- Send donations to 'Mumia Abu-Jamal Defence', Committee to Save Mumia-Abu-Jamal, 163 Amsterdam Avenue, No. 115, New York, 10023-5001

- Write directly to Mumia c/o Mumia Abu-Jamal, AM8335, SCI Green, 1040 E.Roy Furman Hwy, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. PA15370..

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Activists burn a mock electric chair and the American flag, Bristol

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